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The PROGRESSIVE

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

The President Speaks...



“Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!”

I greet each of you constituents, visitors, and friends of Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist Convention, Inc. and I welcome you to our Annual Mid-Winter Board session convening here in the city of Crestview, Florida.

First, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Reverend Sanford Hayes and New Life Missionary Baptist Church,

and Reverend Dwight Baggett and the Macedonia Missionary Baptist church who took the challenge to host and co-host this session. I also want to extend special appreciation to Moderator Delwynn Williams and the Progressive District Association of West Florida for assisting in hosting this session. Reverend Hayes and his committee have worked untiringly to ensure our visit would be an enjoyable one. Special thanks goes out to all of the surrounding area Pastors and churches, who extended to us their hospitality and are allowing us to use their facilities for our various Ministries.

Finally, this is the second time our session convened in Crestview. As we convene this week, it is my hope and prayer that we will leave a spiritual presence that will radiate throughout this city, and will linger in the hearts of

its citizens for years to come. Most importantly, I pray that our presence this week will compel someone to come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Have a spirit-filled session and a safe trip back to your various homes. I also wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year!”

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*

2015 Winter Board Session

THEME:
**“Learning From The
Past, Applying It To The
Present, To Succeeding
In The Future”**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONVENTION



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

I thank God for sparing my life. I thank God for all the youth and children, directresses and officers. Thank you for all of your support and most of all, thank the Pastors for all of your support. I thank God for my Pastor, Rev. Dr. N. S. Sanders, my son-in-law President Banks, our Congress Director, Rev. Dr. McCullough, the one that is always with us, Moderator Thomas Reed, and Assistant Director Rev. William Leonard.

I praise God every day for the excellent teaching staff that God has given us lead by Rev. White and Rev. Robinson, as well as the excellent musical staff. I thank you for the job well done at Nationals this year by Bro. Lorenthias, and that dynamic duo of the Upshaw sisters. I will be forever grateful to Sis. Reed, Sis. Red, and the host of teachers that have been with me through the years. To God be the Glory.

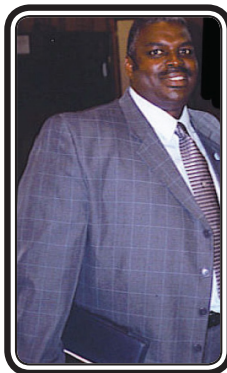
What can I saw to my Greater St. Paul family, my daughter, Lady Vanessa, and my goddaughters Pam, Valerie, Sonja and Jackie?

I thank God for sparing my life - a cancer survivor since 2009 - and still be able to lift the name of Jesus. I love the Lord. I love my St. Paul family, Progressive M&E Youth and Children, and my boys. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve. To God be the Glory.

With all my love,
Directress Elizabeth Rosier
State Directress of Youth and Children, PMEBSCF

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

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I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with the up most gratitude that I welcome you to Crestview and to this our planning session for our upcoming annual session in March. We are looking for God to do great things through his men in 2016.

Please keep these dates:

- March 21-25: Annual Session in Jacksonville, Hyatt Regency Riverwalk
- May 21-22: NBCA Region 2 Workshop Ft. Walton Beach, Fl. Beulah First Baptist
- August 26-27: Marlvn Phillips Annual Brotherhood Unity Day and Deaconess Council Summit. Jacksonville. St. Joseph MBC.

Please meet us during these times and places and watch God do wonder's through us.

We have now entered the Holiday Season, and let us keep in mind the real reason for the season, Jesus Christ.

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. God riches blessings to all

Wayne Herring
Ministry President



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 praise, glorify and honor our awesome God, who has allowed us to come together in unity and love on this 2015 Winter Board Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated.

As always, we reflect on the grace and mercy that God has bestowed upon us over this past year and we are most grateful. We continue to experience the peace that only He can give as we stand firmly on our FAITH. We are provided the opportunity 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 in carrying out 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, as we proclaim and demonstrate the love of God to the world. We must reach out to others, not only at home, but to the uttermost parts of the world. 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 effort must continue to be centered on the Master's command to "Go"! Although everyone can't go into the foreign fields, we can certainly facilitate the efforts of others

by the giving of our means and resources. Thanks be unto God, for you continue to do just that, individually and collectively.

We were most blessed to exemplify our commitment through your support of our National Baptist Convention that we hosted in September, 2015 at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Florida. What a memorable session we had in our state. I am so grateful for the enthusiasm and devotion exhibited by the Senior Women's Ministry of Progressive M. & E. Baptist State Convention of Florida. You really "showed up and showed out" in great numbers, financially and even more so, spiritually! I praise and honor God for each of you. We could not have done it without His grace and mercy and your firm, committed loyalty and service!

It is our prayer that this Winter Board 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.

Lastly, we extend to each of you a joyful holiday season as we celebrate in love, recognizing that, Jesus is truly the reason for the season.

In His Service,

Barbara F. Wright
Ministry President

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. SAMUEL C. TOLBERT, JR. IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER
 At 59th ANNUAL DONATION DAY
 Florida Memorial University ~ Miami Lakes, Florida

We excitedly and joyfully take this opportunity to report to you the blessings that the Lord extended to us during our annual Donation Day at Florida Memorial University on November 24th, 2015. We extend our thanks to Reverend Samuel Tolbert and the National Baptist Convention of America, International Incorporated; Dr. Banks and the Progressive Mission and Education Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated; Senior Women's Ministry and Districts; Sister Jeri McAllister and the State Deaconess Council; Sister Mary Heard and the State Usher's Ministry as well as State Moderators, Churches and Pastors across the State.



We encountered a beautiful Worship Experience under the guidance of the Holy Spirit! Our guest Speaker was our own National President, Reverend Samuel Tolbert. We truly thank Him for the WORD and gift to the University.

Our report is shown to the right:

Special Donors	President	Donations	
National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.	Rev. Samuel Tolbert	\$5,000.00	
Progressive M. & E. Baptist State Convention of FL	Dr. Bartholomew Banks	\$500.00	
State Deaconess Council	Sister Jeri McAllister	\$700.00	
State Ushers Ministry	Sister Mary Heard	\$500.00	
District Associations	Moderators	SWM Presidents	Donations
East Florida & Bethany	Dr. Kelly Brown	Sister Carolyn Burney	\$5013.00
Equal Rights	Rev. Larry Watson	Sister Lela Grooms	\$160.00
First South Florida	Rev. Rayford Harper	Sister Regina Lawrence	\$15,464.00
Greater South Florida	Elder Charlie Reese	Sister Verdell Bolden	\$12,394.00
Gulf Coast	Rev. Thomas J. Reed	Sister Henrietta Glover	\$315.00
Kissimmee Valley	Rev. Kenneth C. Holley	Sister Mary L. Williams	\$4,175.00
Middle FL & Clay County	Rev. Alvin Britt	Sister Constance Butler	\$620.00
Mt. Pilgrim	Dr. W. J. Haynes	Sister Ola Johnson	\$8,977.00
New Central	Rev. Otis Raines	Sister Joy L. Leonard	\$1,160.00
New Gulf Coast	Rev. A.L. Young	Sister Gloria D. Beamon	\$2,973.23
Progressive of West FL	Rev. Delwyn Williams	Sister Linda Lewis	\$4,100.00
Second West	Rev. Riley Henderson	Sister Dorothy P. Davis	\$3,237.00
South FL Progressive	Dr. C. T. Kirkland	Sister Mamie Rogers	\$3,845.00
Union Baptist	Rev. John Gardner	Sister Betty Richardson	\$1,150.00
Union Foreign	Dr. Frank O'Harroll	Sister Marsha Tarver	\$4,765.00
	Progressive M & E	TOTAL	\$75,003.23
	General Baptist State Convention	TOTAL	\$58,000.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$133,003.23

To God Be The Glory For The Things He Has Done!



“So then just as your received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col. 2:6-7)

Greetings from the Deaconess President

It is with great joy that we are nearing the end of another year that God has kept us. We give all thanks and praises to Him for all of the rich blessings bestowed upon the Deaconess Council Ministry. We have had many highs and definitely some lows but through it all He has never left us. His promises are true...”If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept Father’s commandments, and bide in His love.”

Let me express my sincere thanks to all of the officers and members of the Deaconess Council for the great work they do to keep the ministry moving forward. Presently, we are looking forward to gathering in Crestview and seeing the ladies of that area. Also, we are excited about being able to share our Holiday Harvest with families there in Crestview.

Special thanks to all Deaconesses who attended Donation Day @ Florida Memorial University last month: Attendees from Northeast Florida included:

Sisters Mary Tuggles, Betty Williams, Juanita Garner, Connie Butler and Sister Butler. Congratulations also to East Florida and Bethany Association for organizing a Deaconess Council for that Association. Sister Audrey Washington was selected to serve as District President. Thank you Moderator Clifford Gardner Johnson! We look forward to working with you.

Those in attendance from the Tampa Bay Area were: Sisters Barbara Bonner, Cheryl Burnett, Gerri McCallister, Betty Jenkins, Doreen Norman and Gloria Terry. Attendees from the Central Florida Area were – Sisters Josephine Howard; (Joy Leonard; and Sister LeVardis Burton (also Senior Women workers); South Florida Area (Kissimmee Valley Association) – Sisters Mary Kendall and Elouise Bythwood.

Sadly, our year ends with the loss of some special people that we will hold near and dear in our heart forever. Those are - former 2nd vice-president Sister Alice Frye of Panama City, Sister Lucy Ward, (fund raiser committee member) of St. Petersburg and our very special “little guy” Jace Holloway also of Panama City. May they rest in peace.

Sister Gerri McCallister
State Deaconess Council President



WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY



Greetings to each of you in the Matchless name of our Jesus Christ! I am thankful for each of you and your support of this ministry. We have had great fellowship and God continues to bless. Our time in time in Orlando was inspiring as we shared with each other as Rev. Brown poured into our spirit during the Congress of Christian Education. The material shared was fresh and powerful. We then had the opportunity to share together as host of the NBCA Annual session in Palm Harbor, FL and it was awesome. Sister Cheryl King retained the crown for Florida and did an excellent job representing our state in the saints on Parade. As we prepare for our annual session in March in Jacksonville, FL, I solicit your prayers for God to continue to use the ministry to bless others. I look forward to seeing those who will travel to the Mid Winter board in Crestview, FL and to our annual session.

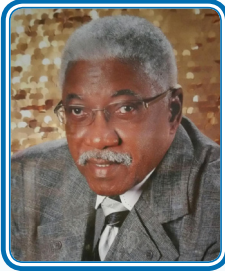


Be Blessed,

Kathy Jackson

President

**CONGRATULATIONS
to our newly-elected
Moderators**



Moderator Dr. W. J. Haynes
Mount Pilgrim Baptist Association



Moderator Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Jr.
Union Foreign Missionary Association



Moderator Rev. Rayford Harper
First South Florida Baptist Association

*2015 Winter
Board Session*

December 9th – 11th

Theme:

**“Learning From The Past,
Applying It To The Present,
To Succeeding In The
Future”**

Psalm 105:1-45; 106: 1-48; 1 Samuel 7: 1-12;
Philippians 2:12-16,
Jude 5-25, Romans 11:13-36, Hebrew 11:32-40;
12:1-2; 18-24

**SPECIAL THANKS
TO OUR HOST:**

New Life Missionary Baptist Church
285 Duggan Avenue
Crestview, Florida 32536
Reverend Sanford H. Hayes, Pastor

Meeting Site
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
603 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Crestview, Florida 32536
Reverend Dwight D. Baggett, Pastor

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Wednesday, December 9

9:00 A.M.

PASTORS/MINISTER'S DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. DEVOTION AND
REGISTRATION

Theme:

“The Urgent Need for Expository Preaching”

9:35 a.m. -10:05 a.m. Expository Sermon
Dr. Samuel Maxwell

10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Evaluation of
Dr. Maxwell's Sermon

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Dr. G. I. Bradley
in Charge

REMARKS, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
OFFERING AND DISMISSAL

1:30 – 1:50 p.m. REGISTRATION AND
DEVOTION

1:50- 2:50 p.m. Dr. G. I. Bradley in Charge
“The Urgent Need for Expository Preaching”

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Sermon
Reverend John H. Neal
Mt. Nebo, DeFuniak Springs

REMARKS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERING
AND DISMISSAL

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

WELCOME PROGRAM”

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

Presented By:

New Life Missionary Baptist Church

Progressive Missionary Baptist District Association
of West Florida

Reverend Sanford Hayes, Host/Pastor
Reverend Dr. Delwynn G. Williams, Host
Moderator

Held at

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
603 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Crestview, Florida 32536

8:00 P.M.

WELCOME PROGRAM”

Vice President W. D. Sims, Presiding

Progressive Missionary Baptist District Association
of West Fla. in Charge

Moderator Delwynn G. Williams

Devotion Deacons

Evelenar Missionary Baptist Church, Crestview
(Pastor Edwin L. Stallworth)

Beulah 1st Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach
(Pastor S. L. Thigpen)

Selections Progressive Baptist Association
of West Florida Workshop Choir

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Introduction of Preacher..... Reverend Anthony
M. Johnson
Chair of Pastors
Progressive Association of West Florida
Pastor, Union Springs Missionary Baptist Church,
DeFuniak Springs

SermonReverend Malcolm O. Nelson
Dean – Progressive Association of West Florida
Pastor - St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church,
Freeport

Invitation to Christian

Discipleship..... Rev. Tyrone L. Broadus
1st Vice Moderator – Progressive Association of West
Florida
Pastor – St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church,
Flowersview

Offertory Appeal

Announcements

Remarks President Bartholomew Banks

Benediction *Reverend Woodrow Wilson*
Pastor – Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church,
Panama City

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Sermon: Reverend Willie E. Brown, Sr.
3rd Vice Moderator – Progressive Association of
West Florida
Pastor - Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church,
Argyle

Thursday, December 10

10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP SERVICE

Vice President Rufus L. Wood, Jr. Presiding

Devotion Rev. Dwight Cockerham
Mt. Tabor, Greenwood

Reverend Obadiah White, *St. Mary, Jacob City*

Theme PresentationDr. G. I. Bradley
Providence, Palmetto

Meeting Purpose and Agenda
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Adoption of Agenda

Directions for Enrollment

Second West Association in Charge
Reverend Riley Henderson, Moderator

SelectionsChoir of Second West Association,

Introduction of Preacher
First Vice Moderator L. V. Farmer

Selection.....Choir of Second West Association

SermonModerator R. J. Henderson, Marianna

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offertory Appeal

Announcements

Remarks President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Benediction Reverend Riley Henderson

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12:00 NOON

PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON WITH PASTORS

1:30 P.M.

**MINISTRIES PLANNING SESSION
SECRETARY and MODERATORS
PLANNING SESSION**

2:30 P.M.

**PASTORS/MINISTER'S
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

Dr. G. I. Bradley, Chairman

Pastor Enrollment - \$50.00
Ministers Enrollment - \$15.00

2:00 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.REGISTRATION AND
DEVOTION

2:25 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.Pastors and IRS
Concerns - Part A
Speaker: Deston Cobb, CPV
Partner at Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC

3:25 - 3:50 p.m... “Wise Investing for Pastors” Part B
Yvonne Shanklin, AAMS
Edward Jones Financial Advisor

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Sermon
Reverend V. Dion Gilbert
New Hope, Lynn Haven

REMARKS, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
OFFERING AND DISMISSAL

7:00 P.M.

Vice President Kelly Brown, Jr. Presiding

**Equal Right Association in Charge
Dr. Larry Watson, Moderator**

DevotionDeacons of the District

SelectionsDistrict Choir

Introduction of Preacher Rev.Larry Watson Jr.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Larry Watson Sr.

Invitation to
Christian Discipleship Rev. Jack Reeves

Offertory Appeal

RemarksPresident Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Benediction Rev. Dr. Larry Watson Sr.

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Sermon - Pastor Gary A. Bryant,
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Pensacola, FL

Friday, December 11

Dr. H. D. Rucker, Presiding

9:00 A.M.

Dr. H. D. Rucker, Presiding

Devotion Deacon Eugene Jackson
Deacon Donald Jernigan

Congregational Singing

2015 Winter Board Session

Introduction of President Vice Moderator Brain K. Brown
Scripture.....Moderator Kenneth C. Holley
Hymn of PreparationRev. Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr
Sermon Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
President

Invitation to Christian Discipleship..... Moderator Delwynn Williams
Offertory AppealModerator Aldredge L. Young
Offering..... Vice President J. J. Pierce
Vice President W. D. Sims
President H. G. McCullough

Introduction Session and 2016 Annual Program
Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, Tampa

Business Session and 2016 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

St. John Progressive M. B. Church and Friends of Lady Vanessa
present

Lady Vanessa Banks

Live in

Christmas Joy

Annual Christmas Recital



DINNER THEATER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

THE FLORIDIAN PALACE HOTEL

905 N. Florida Ave.

Tampa, FL 33602

5:00 P.M.

DONATION: \$50.00



Proceeds to benefit foreign mission, home mission and lifting the least. Please see Lady Banks for tickets.

THANK YOU
for attending the 2015 Winter Board Session.