

## PROGRESSIVE

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



## The President Speaks...

reetings Progressive
Constituency, Visitors
and Friends, I bid you
welcome to the 101st
Annual Session of
the Progressive Missionary
and Educational Baptist State
Convention of Florida, Inc.

Once again we have been summoned to assemble in "The City Beautiful, Theme Park Capital of the World," in Orlando, Orange County Florida.

As we've gathered for this 101st Annual Session I am indeed grateful that we are yet alive to see each other's face, and have begun our second 100 years of existence! What a Mighty God we serve.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to a spirit-filled session this week. The Senior Women are celebrating their Centennial and we congratulate them for carrying the torch of our organizing mothers and sisters who laid the foundation and paved the way the for the longevity of this ministry. This is a marvelous milestone in the history of Progressive and the Senior Women's Ministry.

I wish to extend special thanks to Reverend Dr. W. C. Barnes, Macedonia M. B. Church of Eatonville, Fl., along with Reverend Dr. C. R. Taylor, Moderator, First South Florida Association for your diligent planning and hosting this 2015 session. To our National guest, thank you for sharing this Historical session with us.

Finally, to each of our visiting guests we pray that your stay with Progressive Convention, as well as your visit to Orlando will be most enjoyable.

We bid each of you safe travel back to your homes. God bless each of you is my prayer.

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President

### 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; Phil. 2:12-16: Jude 5-25; Romans 11:13-36; Hebrew 11:32-40; 12:1, 2; 18-24



### WELCOME

TO THE
101ST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE PROGRESSIVE
MISSIONARY & EDUCATIONAL
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
OF FLORIDA, INC.



## From the First Lady

"This joy I have the world didn't give it to me. Since the world didn't give it, the world cannot take it away."

t is with Jesus joy, I greet you this day and bring you greetings from our National Mid Winter Board in Birmingham, Alabama. We are glad we made it home safely from the cold and rainy weather. We give all praises to God and when we sing "I've been through the storm and the rain" we will be singing it honestly and with truth.

We would like to take this time to welcome our special guests: Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis (President, Florida Memorial University and Florida Memorial University Ambassador Chorale under the direction of Melvin White, M.M.

We thank you Progressive for all your support. Thank you for reelecting my husband, President Banks, and for having the confidence in him to be your leader for another term. I praise God for you everyday for your kindness that you show to my husband, my family and me. We thank each auxiliary for your prayers, finances, smiles, and untiring efforts to attend each meeting. May Heaven forever smile upon you for everything you have done because you have done it from the heart.

Thank you Mother, my mother's church family Greater St. Paul, my church family St. John Progressive (the best church this side of Heaven), my children (Dr. Barmeithia, D. Min., Kenya, Bart II, and Rev. Dr. Barron, D.D.S., M.Div.), my five grandchildren (Bartholomew III, Vania, Donovan, Maxwell and Jas'mia), my driver Sis. Katrise Black, and my husband, President Banks, the love of my life.

To god be the glory.

### Lady Vanessa Banks





### SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### March 2015 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.

The wondrous grace of God has permitted our gathering here at this One Hundred and First Annual Session of the Progressive a Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated in Orlando. Surely there can be no gain saying of the glorious fact that "Great and glorious is the Name of our God."

The Lord has truly been gracious to us in allowing 2015 to be a special year for the Senior Women's Ministry. What was begun in 1915, as a "great vision" among Sisters Idella Carson, Hannah B. Miller, C. B. Smith, Eliza Lewis, Lucy White, Theresa Moore and Mary Lewter, seven "great women of God", directed by the Holy Spirit with the support of Pastors, has been blessed to STAND as a MINISTRY for ONE HUNDRED YEARS. We have remained true to our values, and more importantly, the Word of God. There is joy in recognizing that Almighty God has kept us and provided us continuity and grace in this Ministry as we celebrate...

- God's mercy and grace for His guidance in all that we do in Kingdom work, past-presentand that which is to come.
- Our predecessors and leaders that kept the faith and remained committed to the vision.
- The milestone that our Ministry has prayerfully attained in the work of mission, at

home and abroad, education, both spiritually and academically, evangelism and outreach, and servant-hood to our call of CHRIST as guided by the Holy Spirit.

During this time of celebration and festivity, we give God the glory, honor and praise for all that He has done for us, over the years, and we stand committed to "REMEMBERING THE PAST, REFLECTING ON THE PRESENT, AND REACHING FOR THE FUTURE"! Exodus 13:21-22.

We welcome our very special guests:

- Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., President, National Baptist Convention of America International, Incorporated;
- Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, President, Florida Memorial University;
- Sister Virginia P. Hayes, President, Women's Convention, Florida General Baptist Convention, Incorporated.
- Sister Joyce Wright, President, Workers for Christ District Association of FGBC;
- The Florida Memorial University Ambassador Chorale and Steel Drum Band, under the masterful direction of Mr. Melvin White, M.M.

I thank and praise God for each of you for your contributions in bringing this convention year

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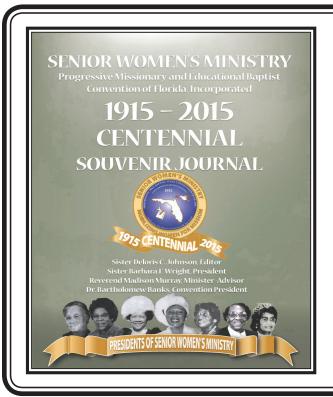
into one where we have accomplished great things. We were united as one and God granted us the strength. What high mark of devotion, faithfulness and dedication for the cause of Christ you have projected to the world.

Finally, we express heartfelt gratitude to our beloved President, Dr. Bartholomew Banks and Lady Vanessa Banks for their overwhelming support of all that we do. We realize none of this could be without your approval and support as we Mobilize Missions in these last days.

To God be the Glory, great things He has done.

In His Service,

Barbara F. Wright Barbara F. Wright





Donation: \$20

### 2015 CONVENTION GUESTS



Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Social Justice Speaker

President National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. Lake Charles, LA Rev. Dr. James B. Sampson

President Florida General Baptist Convention, Incorporated Jacksonville, FL





Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis

President Florida Memorial University Miami, FL



Florida Memorial University Ambassador Chorale Mr. Melvin White M. M., Director Miami, FL



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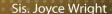
President Brotherhood, National Baptist Convention of America, International, Inc.

Baptist World Alliance, Director of Men's Department Kansas City, MO



Sis. Virginia P. Hayes

President, Women's Convention Florida General Baptist Convention, Incorporated Orlando, FL



President Workers For Christ Association of Florida General Baptist Convention, Incorporated Fort Lauderdale, FL



### SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### ~THE SENIOR WOMEN CENTENNIAL HYMN~ HARK, THE MASTER CALLS TODAY "SENIOR WOMEN CHANGING THE WORLD"

Lovingly dedicated to Dr. Barbara F. Wright, State President and National President of Senior Women Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated National Baptist Convention Of America International, Incorporated And the Senior Women of Florida, in celebration of their 100th Anniversary (March 18, 2015, Orlando)

LYRICS: Maurice James Jackson

TUNE: George D. Elderkin "Jesus, The Light Of World"

Hark, the Master calls today
For Senior Women to change the world
Come, Christian Women take your place;
Senior Women changing the world. (Chorus)

#### Chorus:

We will walk in the Light. We will stay in the Light. We'll keep spreading the Gospel Of Jesus, The Christ. We'll keep telling His story Each day and each night. Senior Women changing the world.

Spread the word, He's waiting now For Senior Women to change the world. Yield to Him, come make your vow, Senior Women Changing the world. (Chorus)

The Prince of Peace is searching still For Senior Women to change the world. Come work for Him whosoever will Senior Women changing the world. (Chorus)

His grace and blessings He's bestowed On Senior Women to change the world. He gave the call one hundred years ago For Senior Women to change the world. (Chorus)

One hundred years ago we started out, Senior Women changing the world. Trusting in God We will never doubt. Senior Women changing the world. (Chorus)

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### **Deaconess Council**



"I give myself away so you can use me. Take my heart, take my life as a living sacrifice; All my dreams, all my plans, Lord I place them in your hands; I give myself away, so you can use me"

Sister Gerri McCallister

## A Word from Deaconess President Gerri McCallister ......

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." (Philippians 2:1-2).

Paul encourages spiritual unity...stressing love for one another and working together with one heart and purpose. In the book of Matthew, Jesus commission to the whole body of believers was to become the ... foundation for a commitment on the part of each believing Christian to continue God's mission (not ours) in the world today. Deaconesses, thank you for your outstanding services. We are most grateful to God for the fellowship we have in Progressive M&E Convention.

God blessed us tremendously in the last year, both spiritually and in numbers. He blessed us to complete every task we set out to accomplish over and beyond what imagined such as:

 Meeting our educational goal with Florida Memorial University in donating \$1,000

- Continuing our Jamaican Project (helping to ship clothing and personal items)to Jamaica
- Holiday Harvest –
   distributed 8 food baskets and
   8 monetary gifts to families at

#### Christmas

- Donation to the National Senior Women Mission for their Foreign Mission Project
- Donation to Lakeland Theological Seminary
- Donation to Brother hood President Wayne Herring for his National Baptist Convention Mission trip to South Africa in July 2015.

But even in these accomplishments as we reached out to impact our communities and beyond, one soon learns that mission is not just about giving material things, it's about love for the Lord; about sharing ones love, encouragement and caring about others ....It's Christians Deaconesses in Action! We lost one of our very special persons, Sister Alice J. Frye who was with us on last year. She transitioned form labor to rest on February 23, 2015. Sister Frye gave many years of dedicated service to Progressive Deaconess and Senior Women ministries. She will be truly missed.

Our prayer is that you will join in with us, pray for us, and support us as we continue to do the Lord's work. Let's make 2015 the most prosperous year of loving, sharing and caring....TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Sister Gerri McCallister, President State Deaconess Council



### Women's Intermediate [10] Auxiliary





fellowship planned. We invite you to let go and let God; deepen your spirituality, cultivate your Christian fellowship, and purpose your stewardship.

In His Services. Kathy W. Jackson

March 2015 Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated Sister Kathy W. Jackson, President Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Convention President

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

We give praise, glory, and honor to our awesome Father for this great Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist Convention. We are grateful God saw fit to allow us to fellowship one more time in this annual setting. As we gather in the City of Orlando celebrating 101 years as a convention we can't help but reflect on how awesome God is in all His wonders and ways.

I am humbled to have serviced this past year and excited about what God has for the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary in the future. I thank God for the support and prayers of each of you in this transition year and ask for your continued prayers. I am also grateful for the continued guidance of our immediate past president, Sis. Bonnie G. Belford and the wisdom of our advisor Rev. Brian K. Brown. I am thankful for my leadership team for their support and each of my sisters in this ministry.

On behalf of the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary, we welcome you. We have a week of awesome



ALL ROADS LEAD TO NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA, INC.

**Women's Intermediate Auxiliary** Reverend Samuel C. Tolbert, Ir., Convention President Sis. Carolyn F. Lewis, Auxiliary President TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH - HOST Dr. Kenneth M. Davis, Host Pastor

Sixteenth Annual Conference April 10-11, 2015 - D'Iberville, MS **Treasure Bay Casino Resort** 1980 Beach Boulevard **Biloxi, MS 39531** 

Theme: "Kingdom Women Embracing Your Purpose, Power, & Possibilities"



## THE 82<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



Sis. Francesca Henderson President



God has brought us to another convention year. We are excited to be in Orlando, FL. We are expecting some great things from the Junior Women Ministry. God Bless each ministry sessions.

#### "Conference on the Vine" 2014

Hosted by: Greater South Florida "Soul Sisters"







### "Junior Women Recruitment"











### **Brotherhood**

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"

I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am In deed honored to invite you to this again historical session of our convention. We will convene for our 101st session. Please join us as we call our session to order Tuesday @ 2 p.m. God has allowed us to assemble together one more time with opportunity to do great things in His name. We look forward to seeing you and enjoy the fellowship one with the other. It is my sincere prayer that God will be pleased with our efforts this week, for we have come to give him our best.

We are blessed to have we us again this session Brother Forestal Lawton our National Brotherhood President. Please allow me to use his method to thank you for the donations that have been given and those that are yet to come that will allow me to accompany President Lawton as we travel to Durban, South Africa July 19 - August 1.

### President Wayne Herring Brotherhood Ministry



## Children's Auxiliary





"Children obey your parents, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

s I look back over my life I cannot help but thank the Lord. God is a good God and I can truly

say thanks be to Him. I started this journey a long time ago and I decided to work with children because I discovered you do not have to move with age.

I would like to take this time to say thank you. Thank you for praying for me. I have had many ups and downs, but because of your prayers and because of your faith I am still here. So thank you. Thank you Greater St. Paul for always being there. Thanks to my pastor, Dr. N. S. Sanders. Thank you Progressive M & E Children Auxiliary. Thanks to my Boys, (some who are now Pastors), Associate Ministers and productive citizens; My Boys who always come by and see me all the time and never forget me.

Special thanks to Sis. Williams and Moderator Henderson in hosting us in our last choir rehearsal in my absence during our winter session. We look forward to all of you in our rehearsals for our annual state concert to covene at New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Larry Roundtree, Pastor in Tampa, Florida. Again I say thank you Progressive youth directors and pastors.

I truly thank God for my Son, President Bartholomew Banks, Sr. and Lady Vanessa Banks, my daughter. Thanks to my God-daughters, Pam, Sonia, Valeria. and Jackie. Thank you

Jesus for keeping me. To God be the glory.

Sis. Elizabeth Rosier



Members of Progressive M & E, Kathy Jackson, Shirley Hendley, Bonnie G. Belford, Betty Love you!, and Helen Smith, visited historical Selma, AL just before the 50th Anniversary Celebration commemorating "Bloody Sunday." Pictures were taken on or at the foot of the famous Edmund Pettis Bridge.











President Banks with Rev. J. Roy Morrison and pastors. Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando, FL, Pastor's Installation Service for Rev. J. Roy Morrison. March 8, 2015.



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## 101st Annual 14 Session Program

### Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. President

### **101ST ANNUAL SESSION**

March 16 - 20, 2015

#### Theme:

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#### **HOSTED BY:**

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Eatonville, Florida

**Host Pastor:** 

Reverend Dr. W. C. Barnes

All Services Held At
The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton at SeaWorld
10100 International Drive, Orlando, FL

### Monday, March 16

7:00 P.M.

#### PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

#### MUSICAL & WELCOME PROGRAM

Presented by Macedonia Missionary
Baptist Church,
Eatonville, Florida
Dr. Willie C. Barnes, Pastor

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 A.M.

OPENING SESSION
Vice President At Large,
Dr. Rufus L. Wood, Jr., Presiding

Inspirational Singing....... The Music Department Reverend Dr. Delwynn G. Williams

Devotional Period ......Brother Troy Demps

Mt. Pleasant, Orlando

Brother Julius Miller Zion Hill, Orlando

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

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

Directions for Enrollment ...... President Banks

Presentation of the 2015 Convention Host Church and Pastor Pastors of the Tampa Bay area

Music..... Greater St. Paul Choir

#### LUNCH BREAK

#### 2:00 P.M.

### ORTHODOXY HOUR Rev. Dr. Rollie Murray, Presiding

2:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise Period Reverend Clem Bell Shiloh

> Reverend Tyrone Broadus St. Mary, Flowersview

2:15 P.M. Orthodoxy Speaker Reverend Dr. Clifford Dollison First Baptist, Winter Haven, FL



### 2:30 – 3:50 P.M. PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Dr. G. I. Bradley, Presiding

Theme: The Dynamics of Church Leadership in the 21st Century

Course Introduction – A Biblical Philosophy of Leadership (Introduction) - 15 minutes Facilitator: Dr. G. I. Bradley, *Providence M.B.C.* 

The Leader's Identity in Christ Facilitator: Dr. Kendrix Gardner, New Mt. Zion, Lakeland

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

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

Union Baptist

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT Third Vice President, Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr., Presiding Reverend Torin Dailey, Chairman

Devotional Period ...... Deacons of St. John Selections ..... St. John Choir

Greetings ......... Greeting: Dr. Alex Harper, Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College

Dr. G. I. Bradley Berean Bible College

Ms. Zefonic Dobynes Interim Director of Enrollment Management, Florida Memorial University

Selections (4) ...... Florida Memorial Chorale and Steel Drum Bank Under the direction of Mr. Melvin White

Offering Selections ...... St. John Choir

Alternate...... Reverend Lionel F. Camel, Jr. Mt. Calvary, Belle Glade

### LATE NIGHT SERVICE Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman



## Wednesday, March 18

#### 9:00 A.M.

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

Devotional Period ...... Reverend Lionel Camel, Jr. Bethel, Okeechobee

Reverend Remer Baker, Jr. Shiloh. Kissimmee

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. ..... Enrollment

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. "Theme Exposition" Reverend Ronald Wade

Grand Central, St. Petersburg

9:40 - 11:55 ......Pastoral Development Conference

> "The Leader's Values and Goals" Facilitator: Dr. Marcelious Willis, Jr. St. Luke, Panama City, Florida

"The Leader's Identity in Christ" Facilitators: Dr. G. I. Bradley & Dr. Kendrix Gardner

#### LUNCH BREAK



#### 2:00 P.M.

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

2:00 - 2:10 p.m. Devotional Period
2:15 - 2:20 p.m. Enrollment and Offering
2:20 - 3:50 Conference Continues

"The Impact of New Legislature on the Church"
Facilitator: Reverend A. Hall,
New St. Matthew, Tampa

3:55 p.m.

Alternate......Reverend Gary Bryant
New Hope Mission MBC, Pensacola

#### 7:00 P.M.

### THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT Moderator Rev. Aldredge L. Young, Chairman

Devotional Period ...... Moderator Clifford Johnson

East Florida & Bethany Association

Zion Hope, Jacksonville

Moderator Paul Buster Gulf Coast Association New Macedonia, Tampa

Sermon .......Moderator Dr. H. L. Daniels

Mt. Pilgrim Association

New Friendship, Tampa

Enrollment and Offering	AlternateModerator Otis Raines
-	New Central Association
11:30 A.M	Christian Fellowship,Sanford
	LATE NIGHT SERVICE
Alternate	Reverend Dr. Kendrick J. Gardner, Chairman
	Sermon Reverend Rolous Frazier
LUNCH BREAK	St. John, Orlando
2 20 DM	Guest Choir St. John MBC, Orlando
2:30 P.M.	
SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR Reverend Kenneth Holly, Chairman, Presiding	Thursday, March 19
Devotional PeriodReverend Leon Jones New Hope, Wewahitchka	9:30 A.M.
Reverend Luther V. Farmer New Hope, Two Egg	PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE Chairman, Dr. G. I. Bradley, Presiding
11070, 1110 288	Devotional Period Reverend Leonard Wilson
(Supplementary Program Provided)	St. Matthew MBC, Sanford
7:00 P.M.	Reverend Henry Wright
MISSION EMPHASIS	Grace Community of Faith MBC, Orlando
Vice President at Large Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr., Presiding	9:45 - 11:20 A.M. Pastoral Development Conference
Devotional Period Deacons of New Mt. Zion	"The Leader's Identity in Christ" Facilitators: Dr. G. I. Bradley &
Music	Dr. Kendrix Gardner
Sermon	+

Alternate......Reverend David Mazon

Mt. Olive, Palmetto

#### LATE NIGHT SERVICE Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Friday, March 20

9:00 A.M.

First Vice President H. D. Rucker, Presiding

Devotional Period ...... Brother Keith Haygood, Sr. *Providence, Bartow* 

Deacon Charlie Ball, Jr. St. John, Tampa

10:00 A.M.

Annual President's Hour

Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. President

(Supplementary Program provided)

Convention Business Period President Banks Presiding

### Reports from the

Financial Committee
Treasurer

Announcements and Dismissal

CLOSING OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

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Eatonville, FL

Dr. Willie C. Barnes,

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