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

The President Speaks...



To all Pastors, Ministry Leaders, Delegates and Visitors of Progressive,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and welcome to the 43rd Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education adult and Youth and Children's division!

Our new director: Reverend Riley Henderson, along with his most efficient staff have been diligently planning the curriculum for this congressional session and we are looking forward to the courses that will be taught this week. We have changed our focus for the congress as we continue to implement our Strategic plan, however we remain committed to providing relevant information and having the best and most effective instructors to teach the classes. I want to thank them

for the time and energy that they put into planning and preparation for our session.

Our theme, "Transformation, Renewal, and Service," indicates that Progressive is moving in a new direction which will result in our members being transformed, Renewed, and ready to serve better in their local churches across the state.

Special thanks to the Union Foreign Association, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Moderator, for choosing to be the host association this year. Also, I want to express my appreciation to Reverend Willie McLendon and the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Largo, along with Reverend Dr. Fleming Tarver, St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Clearwater, for hosting and co-hosting our 43rd Annual Session.

It is my prayer that this session will be spiritually enlightening for each of you and that you will have a safe trip back home.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*

The 43rd Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education

THEME:
"Transformation,
Renewal and Service"

Romans 12:1-2

HOSTED BY:
Union Foreign Association, Moderator
Frank O'Harroll

The Reverend Willie McLendon,
Host Pastor
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church,
Host Church
Largo, Florida
&
Dr. Fleming Tarver, Co-Host Pastor
St. John Missionary Baptist Church,
Co-Host Church
Clearwater, Florida



Greetings From Lady Banks

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, down through the years. I praise God for all of your efforts. Praise God for you. Just keep on keeping on. Progressive M & E, you are the greatest Convention, the greatest Congress, the greatest Youth, the greatest Christians this side of heaven. Great is thy faithfulness. God also gave me the greatest husband, the greatest children, the greatest grandchildren, and the greatest you, especially YOU. To God be the glory.

Thank you to my St. John family for all you do, the St. Paul family for all you do, and the Progressive M & E family for your untiring service. I shall never be able to thank God enough for my extended family and for my God-given family - daughters Kenya and Dr. Barmeithia, and my sons Bartholomew II and Dr. Barron. I also thank God for my drivers, God-sisters, and all the people working behind the scenes to make Lady Vanessa the person I am today. I am ever grateful to God for allowing me to have a Godly mother, the late Directress Elizabeth Rosier. Thank God for my husband who stands by my side through all of my illnesses and in health. Thank God for allowing my husband and I to celebrate 40 years of marriage. I also thank God for sparing my life through a stroke this year.

To God be the Glory.

Lady Vanessa Banks





A Word From Senior Women Ministry President Sister Dorothy P. Davis

“Keep this book of the law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Greetings to each of you in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we stand in gratitude and praise to God for His faithfulness towards us, His grace and mercy to us and His love for us, we give glory, honor and thanksgiving for allowing us to come together to worship, fellowship and to study God's Holy Word. As we grow in the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God's Word, it is incumbent upon us to plant it in our hearts and make it a part of our daily lives.

As we reflect on this very tumultuous time in our lives, we can be assured that our lives will be so much more pleasant if we consistently work to grow in our relationship with our Holy God, become stronger in our study, use our knowledge gained in our daily walk, and even more importantly, share the truth of His Word with others.

Knowing the importance of the study of God's Word, we are most grateful, once again, to come together in unity and love to study God's Word. We must strive each day to learn “More About Jesus” as written in the hymn.....

- More about Jesus, I would know, More of His grace to others show, More of His saving, fullness see, More of His love who died for me.
- More about Jesus, let me learn, More of His Holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me!

We pray that God will open our minds to understand the scriptures (Luke 24:45), that we may be diligent to present ourselves approved to God as a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

We are most grateful to each of you that have joined us for this time of study. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our very competent and supportive instructors, Sisters Dorothy Jenkins and Ola Wilson Johnson. They will be sharing from our current book of study, “Gaining Wisdom....Praising His Name”...A Study of Proverbs and Psalms.

Special thanks to those that were able to travel with us to our Annual Field Missionary Conference in New Orleans, La. We had a glorious time in the Lord! We were able to study, fellowship, and reach out to others through gift cards and community outreach. Thank you for the support extended from those that were unable to join us through your prayers and contributions.

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Additionally, we are most pleased and excited to know that Florida is reaching out to others in our evangelism and support efforts under the guidance of our State Field Missionaries Coordinator, Sister Cynthia Lester, her assistants, Sisters Elvira Jones, Leola Davis, and past Coordinator, Sister Eddie Lindsey , as well as the Area Chairpersons across Florida.

Finally, we want you to be reminded of our upcoming fellowship on August 26th- 27th in Belle Glade, Florida. We will celebrate our Twelfth Annual 1000 Women In White session. We are prayerful that you all will attend, as well as, invite your friends and family to join us. Pertinent information is forthcoming

May God continue to bless and keep you is my prayer!

Sister Dorothy P. Davis, President
Senior Women's Ministry

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“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 in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,

We praise God our Father for His continuous blessings upon us and more so, doing these trying times we are confronted with only a daily basis. We thank Him for His perfect guidance and everlasting protection. We are grateful to our Father for allowing us to come together as a body of believer in His son Christ Jesus for the 44th Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education for the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida in Palm Harbor, FL at Innisbrook Resort.

Sister Ruth Johnson, teacher for the Deaconess Council class is excited about sharing from the book selected by the Congress for our use: *“Lost at the Pool.”* It is my prayer that we will be blessed with many Deaconesses in attendance.

I like to give a heartfelt thanks to the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention Pastors who have been so

supportive to the Deaconess Council by enrolling their church with us. Many of you not only enroll with us for the Annual Session in March, but you also enroll again in our Annual Deaconess Council Summit. We appreciate you for your giving and for the many encouraging word of expression for the work we do.

Special Notice: You are cordially invited to attend the 8th Annual Marvin Phillips Brotherhood Unity Day & Deaconess Council Summit August 25 - 26, 2017. The Host Association & Host Church is Mt. Pilgrim District Association and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, Reverend Larry, J. Mouton, Pastor/Dr. W.J. Haynes, Host Moderator.

Host Hotel:

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Tampa Brandon
10150 Palm River Road - Tampa, FL 33619
(813) 661-9719

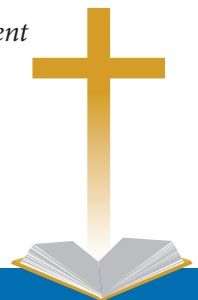
Rates:

\$96.00 / Registration deadline: July 26th

Yours in Christ Always,

Sister Gerri McCallister

State Deaconess Council President





HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Psalms 103:2-5

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reetings to you Progressive and visitors. We look forward to sharing with you during our Annual Session of Progressive Missionary and Education Baptist State Congress of Christian Education. It is our hope that you will be strengthened in God's Words through teaching and worship service.

Because Diabetes affects our community at a higher rate than the general population, we have continued to educate our congregations on how to take control of their diabetes.

The Health Service Advisory Group on Diabetes will bring to us the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program...a creative, interactive and fun series of classes. Join us for an inspiring session.

In His Service,

Cosette Whitmore, Ph.D., RN
Ministry President



SAVE THE DATE

September 23, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.

The 3rd Annual

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Place: The New Mt. Zion, Tampa

*Progressive Missionary and Education Baptist State Health Awareness Team &
The New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa Health Awareness Team*



WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY



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reetings in the matchless name of our Savior,

To God Be The Glory. We are looking forward I am excited to welcome you to our Annual State Congress Youth and Children Convention. We have an exciting time of fellowship and study prepared for our breakout sessions.

I also would like to take this time to thank everyone for their service in our various activities. The Annual session in March was awesome, the National WIA Conference was blessed, and the field mission trip was great. We are looking forward to our Leadership Retreat later this month in Leesburg and our Annual Mission Encounter in Belle Glade. We are also anticipating an awesome time with our sisters nationally at our Annual National Convention in Louisville, KY.

As we prepare for our next fellowships and assignments let us continue to look to the Master for strength and guidance. Let us be prayerful and wait expectantly on the Lord. Thank you again for all you do.

Yours in Christ,
Kathy Jackson



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Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

**7:00 P.M.
WELCOME PROGRAM**

The Director is asking everyone to please be present for this program. SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHURCH

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONGRESS

Director Riley Henderson, Presiding

8:00 P.M. Worship Service

Devotional Period Deacons of
First Baptist of West Tampa
Deacons of *St. Luke, Kissimmee*

Selections First Baptist and St. Luke Choirs

Sermon Dr. Rayford Harper &
First Baptist Church, West Tampa

Alternate Reverend Johnnie McKinnie &
St. Luke, Kissimmee

Offering, Announcements and Adjourn

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman
Sermon: Minister Willie J. Haynes, II

***** ALL CLASSES WILL HELD AT
INNISBROOK RESORT *****

Dr. Fleming Tarver, Presiding

8:30 A.M. Devotion
Brotherhood Ministry

8:45 A.M. Registration and Class Instructions,
Dean Jimmie Downing

9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M. FIRST CLASS PERIOD

**PASTORS' AND MINISTERS'
CONFERENCE**

BROTHERHOOD & MEN'S MINISTRY
Men In Action – Mark & Psalms/Brotherhood
Manual NBCA
Deacon Eddie Norman, Instructor

WOMEN'S MINISTRY & MINISTER WIVES
"In Our Shoe" by: Rachel Lovingood & Jennifer
Landrith
Sister Marsha Tarver, Instructor

SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY
"Gaining Wisdom... Praising His Name" NCBC
Sister Dorothy Jenkins & Ola Johnson, Instructors

DEACONESS MINISTRY
"Lost At The Pool" by: Dr. Maurice Riley
Sister Ruth Johnson, Instructor

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WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE MINISTRY
"Gaining Wisdom...Praising His Name"
Reverend Brian K. Brown, Instructor

JUNIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY
"Gaining Wisdom...Praising His Name"
Sister Francesca Kirkman, Instructor

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY
Students will learn how to manage their Diabetes.
Dr. Corsette Whitmore, Instructor

"A clinic is provided" Sister Sara Mann, RN

MUSIC MINISTRY
"The Art of Devotional Praises"
This is a floating class
Reverend Greg Davis & Sister Cynthia Kendrick,
Instructors

HOSPITALITY/USHERS
**"History, Leadership and Technique of Ushers/
Hospitality Ministry"**
Dr. Carolyn Collins, Instructor

**COMPUTER SCIENCE/BEGINNERS/
ADVANCE**
Students will learn how to organize a church Website
Minister Jimmie Downing, Jr., Instructor

9:50 A. M.- 10:00 A. M. BREAK

10:00 A.M. – 10:50 A.M..... SECOND CLASS
PERIOD

11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sermon:..... Reverend Ronald Wade
Grand Central Progressive Church, St. Petersburg

Alternate:Reverend Robert Ward,
Moriah, St. Petersburg

"Choirs of both churches are asked to serve."

12:00 P.M. Offering, Announcements,
Adjourn for lunch

A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.Registration

1:30 P. M. – 1:40 P. M. Praise/Worship
Convention Music Team-Music Staff

1:40 P. M. – 2:00 P. M. Session 1
"Maintaining Relevant in Ministry"
Reverend Larry Roundtree

OFFERING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

2:10 P. M. BREAKOUTS

2:15-2:45 P. M..... Session 2
"Maintaining Confidentiality as Leader"
Dr. Leon Williams

2:50 P. M.-3:20 P. M..... Session 3
**"Handling Addition, Transition and
Friction as a Leader"**
Dr. Rickey Houston

3:25 P. M.-4:10 P.M..... Session 4
"Establishing a Community Outreach Ministry"
Reverend Eddie Hadley, III

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4:10 P. M.Reassemble

Offering, Announcements, and Adjourn for Dinner

7:00 P.M.
YOUTH CONVENTION MUSICAL
(See Supplemental Program)

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman
Sermon: Reverend Greg Davis

Wednesday, July 19

Dr. Sam Maxwell, Presiding

8:30 A.M.Devotion: Brotherhood Ministry

8:45 A.M.Registration and Class Instructions
Dean Jimmie Downing

9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.....FIRST CLASS PERIOD

(See Tuesday's Classes) - There will not be a second period today. This is the only class today.

10:00 A.M..... DIRECTOR'S HOUR
Reverend Riley Henderson, Director

"Everyone is expected to come and share in the Director's Hour."
(See Supplemental Program)

Offering, Announcements and Adjourn for Lunch

12:00 P. M.Lunch

1:00 P. M.
A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL CHURCH
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

(See Tuesday's schedule & presenter for this conference workshop)

4:10 P. M.Reassemble

7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING YOUTH
DIRECTOR

Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr.
"Everyone is asked in advance to attend"

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman
Sermon: Reverend Hugh Strafford

Thursday, July 20

Reverend Darrel Davis, Presiding

8:30 A.M.Devotion: Brotherhood Ministry

9:00 A.M. –9:50 A.M.....FIRST CLASS PERIOD

10:00 A.M.-10:50 A.M. SECOND CLASS PERIOD

(Don't forget to complete an Evaluation Sheet in your Class)

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11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.....GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sermon:.....Reverend Dwight Cockerham
Mt. Tabor, Greenwood

12:00 P.M. Offering, Announcements,
Adjourn for Lunch

1:30 P.M.

A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL CHURCH
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
WORKSHOP

4:10 P.M. REASSEMBLE

7:00 P.M.

Devotional Moments Deacons of
St. John, Bartow

Selections.....St. John & Greater St. John Choirs

Sermon..... Reverend Jerome Davis
St. John, Bartow

Alternate Dr. Jimmie Downing, Sr.
Greater New Jerusalem, Lakeland

“Choirs and Ushers are asked to serve”

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman
Sermon: Dr. Rollie Murray

Friday, July 21

Vice President Brian K. Brown, Presiding

9:00 A.M. Inspirational Devotion
Brotherhood Ministry

MUSICAL APPRECIATION – CHILDREN/
YOUTH CHOIR

THE CONVENTION’S SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman
Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President

PRESENTATION OF OUR PRESIDENT
Congress Director, Reverend Riley Henderson

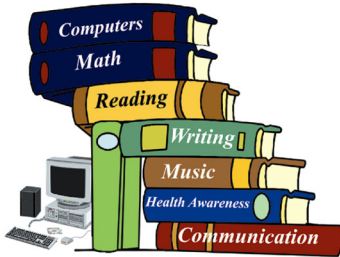
OPENING OF SUMMER BOARD BUSINESS
SESSION

President Bartholomew Banks, Presiding

OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 43rd ANNUAL
SESSION
OF THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“It is our prayer that you return safely to your homes. May God bless each of you and thank you for attending this grand session in Orlando”

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Health Awareness • Etiquette
Self-Esteem • Modeling • Field Trips

FOR PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVERS
SUMMER CAMPERS, AFTER-SCHOOLERS, YOUTH TEACHERS, YOUTH
WORKERS, & PROGRESSIVE M & E DRILL TEAM MEMBERS ...

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August 11 -13, 2017

St. John Progressive M. B. Church

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Pastor



*Please contact Lady Vanessa Banks (813-989-1056),
Karen Peebles, or the Church Office (813-247-2345)
for further information.*

THANK YOU
for attending the 43rd Annual Session of the Congress
of Christian Education.