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The PROGRESSIVE

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



From the President

Greetings Progressive Officers, Pastors, Ministry Leaders and Constituents:

We are once again grateful to the Almighty God for His grace and mercy and for allowing us to assemble as a conventional body at First Providence Missionary Baptist Church in the city of Bartow, FL.

Our history reflects that Progressive Missionary Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. had its beginning in Bartow in 1914, and here we are this week, 103 years later, meeting for our 2017 Winter Board session!

This will be a historical session for Progressive. We praise God for those trailblazers who laid the foundation, kept us together, and now we stand on their shoulders with the task of moving our

convention forward to greater work for the kingdom. We want to leave a legacy for the ones coming after us. It is imperative that we make a difference, not only in our convention, but in the world in which we live by impacting the lives of those whom we come in contact with who yet have not accepted Christ as Savior.

Special thanks to Reverend Deryl A. Jones and the First Providence Missionary Baptist church, along with the First South Florida Association, Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator, for graciously accepting to host our 2017 session, and for all the work and planning that has gone into ensuring our stay in Bartow is a momentous one.

I pray that you have come to join in a “spirit- Filled” session and to engage in planning for the annual session in March. God bless each of you and have a safe trip back home.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*

2017 Winter Board Session

THEME:

**“TRANSFORMATION,
RENEWAL AND SERVICE”**

Romans 12:1-2

Host Church:

**First Providence
Missionary Baptist
Church**

1030 King Street West
Bartow, Florida 33830

Rev. Deryl A. Jones, Pastor
And

**First South Florida
Association**

Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper,
Moderator

December 6th – 8th

Greetings From Lady Banks

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



We do wish you and your family a joyous Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. We hope that you keep in mind that Jesus is the reason for the season. It is only by His love that He sent His Son that we may have the right to the Tree of Life and we praise God every day for His bountiful blessings. And we thank you Progressive M & E, for allowing us to serve you.

Praise God for the officers, members and friends, for all the wonderful things that you do to make this the best State Convention this side of Heaven. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. Thank God for you and may Heaven continue to bless you and crown your labor with success. Once again, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

To God be the Glory.
Lady Vanessa Banks



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE M. B. CHURCH

2504 Chipco Street, Tampa, FL 33605

6:30 P.M.





SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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A Word From President Davis



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

We give all Glory, Honor and Praise to Almighty God for the wondrous things that He has done and continues to do in this, our Senior Women's Ministry. We are so very grateful to Him for allowing us another opportunity to come together in unity, love and fellowship with one another. We lift up His Name for His awesomeness towards us.

As this year is swiftly passing, we are reminded that our efforts in mobilizing dedicated workers and servants in support of the goals of our Ministry, i.e., Mission, Education, Evangelism and Service, has truly been all and even more than we envisioned. It has only been through the grace and mercy of God that we've been able to do the work of Him that sent us in the up-building of His kingdom.

Based on your dedication and continued efforts, we have met the challenge to:

- Reach out to others through Evangelism as we witness to the lost, unsaved, unchurched and unreached.
- Provide support of Education by teaching and sharing the Word of God, as well as, financial support to those seeking higher learning.
- Support Mission and Service in meeting needs for food, clothing, and shelter, at home and even abroad.

As a Ministry, we must continue to encourage one another during this Winter Board Session, in our districts, local churches and nationally to be all that God would have us to be as Missionaries.

It is evident that we can only continue to move forward by prayerfully committing to the work that is before us as we stay in the will of God and under His guidance.

We've been quite busy throughout this year! I wish to take the time to thank each of you for your wholehearted support "Thousand Women In White" and FMU Donation Day. As we reflect on that which is done and that which is to come, be reminded to look at ourselves individually and ask, Can the Lord count on me to hear and answer His call? Will I go and work today? ... as shown in the words of the old hymn...Count On Me.....

The Lord has need of workers, to till his field today,
So kindly He has led me to walk in wisdom's way;
I pray for grace to help, with all my heart to say,
O blessed Savior Count on Me!

Lastly, I extend to each of you a joyful holiday season as we celebrate with family and friends in love, recognizing that, Jesus is truly the Reason for the Season!

Your Servant,

Dorothy P. Davis
Senior Women's Ministry President

Senior Women fellowship with Greater South
Florida and Kissimmee Valley District Associations
in August 2017



“One Thousand Women In White”



We extend to the District Presidents, Moderators, Pastors and Churches our fondest gratitude to each of you that made our stay, fellowship and worship a blessed time in the Name of Jesus! Your hospitality was above measure!

Thank You

SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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DONATION DAY 2017 REPORT

Florida Memorial University ~ Miami Lakes, Florida



With joy and exuberance, we proudly 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 22nd, 2017. We extend our thanks to Dr. Banks and the Progressive Mission and Education Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated; Senior Women's Ministry and Districts; Sister Gerri McAllister and the State Deaconess Council; Deacon Curtis Wilson and the State Usher's Ministry; Northwest Florida FMU Alumni; Special Contributors, as well as State Moderators, Churches and Pastors across the State. We encountered a beautiful Worship Experience under the guidance of the Holy Spirit! We were truly blessed and offer our gratitude to our guest Pastor/Speaker, Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper of the First Baptist Church of West Tampa, as he eloquently shared the WORD of God. Our report is as follows:

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Dr. B. Banks
Sister Jeri McAllister
Deacon Curtis Wilson

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\$500.00
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\$6255.00
\$348.00
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\$5,000.00
\$1,243.00
\$6,358.00
No Report

Progressive M. & E. Baptist State Convention
General Baptist State Convention

TOTAL

\$80,000.00

TOTAL

\$57,000.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$137,000.00

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE!"

2018 GOAL FOR PROGRESSIVE
\$100,000.00



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,

Congratulations to the First South Florida District Association and the First Providence Missionary Baptist Church of Bartow, Florida as well as Moderator Rayford Harper and Pastor Deryl Jones for hosting the 2017 Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention Winter Board Meeting. We are looking forward to the gathering of the saints again in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.

The Deaconess Council is excited about what the Lord is doing for the Ministry as we will again gather for our Annual Holiday Harvest giving. This initiative allows us to bless a number of families with food for the holidays. We do recognize that there are many in need all year long but even more so at this joyous time of the year. Therefore, it is our hope that families in the Central Florida area will benefit mostly by this effort. I am constantly reminded that as long as we live we must give. One of the great joys of living is our giving. You see giving not only make



us happy but it also endears us closer to God,”for He does love a cheerful giver” (II Corinthians 9:7).

As we reflect on the Christmas Season let us be mindful of what it means to the Christian faith... Because Jesus came to earth, we might think about Christmas in this manner. The trees remind us of the cross where He died, the gifts we give and receive reminds us of the eternal life He offers, and the many lights we see during this time represents the Light of the World that now lives in our hearts.

May you be blessed with a wonderful Christmas Season!

Sister Gerri McCallister

*State Deaconess Council President
December 2017*



Deaconesses at their 2017 Retreat held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church – Tampa.



Special Thanks to New Hope's new Pastor the Reverend Larry J. Mouton, the Deaconess and Brotherhood Ministry of that church for an outstanding and spirit-filled weekend – August 24 – 26 2017. Extra special thanks President Bart Banks for his attendance on Friday night for our Communion Service and also Mt. Pilgrim Association Senior Women President Sister Ola Johnson.



Coordinators: Sister Lorriane Cleveland, President Gerri McCallister, Sister Cheryl Collins



Retreat Presenters front row: Sisters Ollie Daniels, Lorriane Cleveland, Dianne Smith, Inell Thomas. Standing are: Sisters Gerri McCallister, Vice-president Cheryl Burnett and Retreat Coordinator/Vice-president Clara Cobb.





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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sisterhood for your hard work this year in all our endeavors. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. I would like to congratulate you also for your efforts in the queen contest.

Because of your willingness to raise money for mission and education, Florida has once again brought the crown home. Congratulation to Sister Renee Pope of the New Gulf Coast Association on winning the queen contest at the National convention. Also Congratulation to our new National WIA President Sis. Deidra Anderson.

May God blessed each and everyone during this Christmas Season and Always.

Yours in Christ,

Sis. Kathy Jackson
Ministry Leader



Sis. Renee Pope
National WIA Queen



Sis. Deidra Anderson
National WIA President



National Convention Florida Delegates



Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We welcome you to this our Annual Mid-Winter Board Session. It is our desire that you will gain some important information that will be helpful in your Brotherhood Ministry. We have assembled here to plan our program for our up-coming session in 2018 scheduled to convene at the

Innisbrook Resort and Golf Resort. "How Good and Pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." We are grateful to God for His tender mercies He has bestowed upon us this year, as the calendar year of 2017 comes to a close. God has shown himself to be mighty. We ask that as we go forth please continue to pray, please continue to water and watch God provide the increase.

We are looking for Men to join us in our Kingdom Building - Men that want to become Better Men, Brotherhood Men.

Please allow me to use this method to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year keeping in mind that "Jesus is the reason for the Season."

Wayne Herring
Ministry President



Meeting Dates & Financial Obligations

PROGRESSIVE M & E CONVENTION ANNUAL SESSION

Meets: Monday - Friday after Third Sunday in
March

Financial Obligation:

Associations: \$100.00

Church: \$100.00

State Officers: \$50.00

District Presidents: \$35.00

Church Presidents: \$25.00

Members: \$15.00

NBCA REGION 2 WORKSHOP

Meets: Friday & Saturday after Third Sunday in
May

Financial Obligation: \$25.00

MARLVIN PHILLIPS ANNUAL UNITY DAY

Meets: Friday & Saturday after Third Sunday in
August

Financial Obligation: \$15.00



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Wednesday, December 6

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
WELCOME PROGRAM"

Presented By:
First Providence Missionary Baptist Church

And

First South Florida District Association
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator

Held at

Providence Missionary Baptist Church
1030 King Street West
Bartow, Florida 33830

8:00 P.M.

Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

First Baptist of West Tampa
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Pastor
And

First South Florida District Association
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator

Devotion

Deacons of First South Florida Association

Selections

First South Florida Association Choir

Introduction of Preacher
Reverend Dr. Alex Harper
First Baptist MB Church, Lakeland

Sermon

Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Pastor
First Baptist MB Church, West Tampa

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Reverend Johnny McKinnie
St. Luke MB Church, Kissimmee

Offertory Appeal

Reverend Dr. E. L. Wiseman
Bethel MB Church, Plant City

Remarks

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon

Minister Deryl Jones
First Providence, Bartow

Thursday, December 7

10:00 A.M.

**INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP
SERVICE**

Vice President Brian Brown, Presiding

Devotion

Association Deacons

Morning Message

Reverend Alonzo McKenzie
New Bethel MB Church, LaBelle

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Moderator Paul Buster
New Macedonia MB Church, Tampa

Meeting Purpose and Agenda
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Adoption of Agenda

Directions for Enrollment
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

Reports from the following Boards (3 Minutes):
Evangelical Board, Home Mission, Foreign Mission,
Disaster Relief, Education, Church Development,
family Development, Community Development,
Family Development.

Reports from the Ministry Leaders (3 Minutes):
Senior Women, Women Intermediate, Junior
Women, Deaconess Council, Brotherhood, Health
Care, Ushers, Minister's Wives

Offertory Appeal

Announcements

Our President Speaks

12:00 NOON

PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON

1:30 P.M.

**BREAKOUT SESSION
FOR
A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE**

All pastors, ministry leaders, moderators, vice presidents, Association leaders and workers, deacon, deaconess, trustees, church leaders and church members are asked in advance to attend this session.

7:00 P.M.

Vice President Aldredge L. Young, Presiding

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Pastor
And

Union Foreign District Association

Reverend Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Moderator

Devotion

Deacons of Union Foreign Association

Selections

Union Foreign Association Choir

Introduction of Preacher

Reverend Dr. Fleming Tarver
St. John MB Church, Clearwater

Sermon

Reverend Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Pastor
New Bethel MB Church, Winter Haven

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Reverend Troy Adam
New Jerusalem MB Church, St. Petersburg

Offertory Appeal

Reverend Willie McClendon
Shiloh MB Church, Largo

Remarks & Benediction

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

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LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon

Reverend Darrel Brown
Friendship MB Church, Dundee

Friday, December 8

9:00 A.M.

Vice President H. T. Rucker, Presiding

Winter Board Meeting 2017

Devotion

Moderator Riley Henderson
Pastor, St. Luke, Marianna

Moderator Jimmie L. Downing, Sr.
Greater New Jerusalem, Lakeland

Congregational Singing

Introduction of President

Vice President Brian Brown,
St. Mark MB Church, St. Petersburg

Hymn of Preparation

Moderator Dr. Delwynn Williams,
St. John MB Church, Panama City

Sermon

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of
Florida, Inc.
Pastor, St. John MB Church, Tampa

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Vice President Dr. J. J. Pierce Sr.
First Institutional MB Church Lake Wales

Offertory Appeal

Vice President W. D. Sims
St. Matthew MB Church, Tampa

Presentation of the 2018 Annual Session Program

Corresponding Secretary, Dr. W. J. Haynes,
Greater Hope MB Church, Tampa

Business Session and 2018 Annual Program Development

Announcements and Dismissal

CLOSING OF THE WINTER BOARD SESSION



**Merry Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year**