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



From the President

which we hope you will implement what you've learned and use it to enhance what we are about as a convention as well as help to advance the mission of local churches.

Welcome, to each of you Progressive officers, Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and delegates!

I continue to be excited about what God has done and is doing through each of us in order to make Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention, Inc. the great conventional body we have become!

This annual gathering of our constituency at the Winter Board enables us to plan for our upcoming annual session in March, as well as to transact the business of the convention. It also gives us another opportunity to gain useful knowledge through our A. H. Parker Conference,

I want to give special, special appreciation to Reverend Dr. J. Roy Morrison, and the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church family, who without hesitation accepted to host our Winter Board session here in Orlando. As you are aware, we were scheduled to convene in Panama City, but that became impossible when the hurricane devastated that area! Let us continue to pray for our sisters and brothers who were greatly impacted by the hurricane.

It is my prayer that you will enjoy this session and have safe travel back to your various locations.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*

2018 Winter Board Session

THEME:

**“TRANSFORMATION,
RENEWAL AND SERVICE”**

Romans 12:1-2

Host Church:
**Mount Pleasant Missionary
Baptist Church**

4077 Prince Blvd
Orlando, Florida 32811

Reverend Dr. J. Roy
Morrison, Pastor
And

**First South Florida
Association**

Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper,
Moderator

December 5th – 7th

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

ANNUAL RECITAL

Lady Vanessa Banks

Live in

Now Behold the Lamb

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

ST. JOHN PROGRESSIVE M. B. CHURCH

2504 Chipco Street, Tampa, FL 33605

6:00 P.M.





A Word From President Davis

Bless the Lord, O, my soul and all that is within me. Bless His Holy Name.

Greetings to you my brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus the Christ.

As we come to the end of 2018, I pray that we reflect and ask God what did you assign to my hand that I have not done? There is plenty of work for us to do. The fields are white, but the laborers are few. Be a laborer for the Lord.

We thank God for His Grace and Mercy every day. Every day should be a day of Thanksgiving. God has been so good to me. Every day He blesses me. We thank God for His Grace and Mercy that He showered on the Panhandle on October 10, 2018 as Hurricane Michael came ashore in our area as a category 5 hurricane. Devastation was everywhere—buildings of all kinds damaged or destroyed, cars, trees and more trees. Several of our Convention constituents lost their homes or they are severely damaged. Large trees were uprooted, small trees also, but some were left. He loved us so much that He spared us during the fury of Hurricane Michael and we shout Glory Hallelujah to His Name. We could have been gone—But God!

Thanks to all of you for your love and concern for us in the Panhandle. Thanks for your generous donations of love, prayers, donations of money, hurricane relief items and whatever you contributed to help us during this difficult time. It has been a demonstration of “I am my brother’s keeper.” Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What a wonderful time we had at Donation Day for Florida Memorial University. General Baptist had the

largest donation this year beating us by \$2000+ and we extend congratulations to them. I am grateful and appreciative of all donations that you gave. Our total was \$72,314.25. To God Be The Glory!

Additionally, we extend Congratulations to our First Vice President, Aquilla Morgan, for winning the prettiest hat contest. And what a beautiful hat, indeed it was.

Thanks to those of you that attended the National Convention in Lombard, Illinois. Progressive won the Banner March. Those of you that were there in Finance, we thank you. We could not have done it without you.

Congratulations to Sister Aquilla Morgan, again. She was the recipient of the Senior Women Missionary Union 2018 Cross Award. Our National Senior Women Mission Union President, Dr. Barbara F. Wright was eloquently honored during her President’s Hour. Pink was the color for this celebration in honor of breast cancer. I reminded the Sisters that we appreciate all of what they do for our president, but she is a member of the Progressive M&E Baptist Convention of FL, Inc. Senior Women Ministry.

Looking forward to seeing you, you, and you at the Winter Board in Orlando. May we gather in large numbers to close out this year’s work and to plan for 2019, The Lord needs women He can count on. In His Service,

Dorothy P. Davis
Senior Women’s Ministry President



God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed; and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea...The Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge". (Ps. 46:1-2 and 11).



Greetings from the Deaconess Council Ministry.....

I give praises to our God for all of the blessings bestowed upon us this past year and how grateful we are to be alive! It is only by His grace and His perfect will that we are indeed alive! When I think of the devastation (I have seen some of it first-hand) that our sisters and brothers in the Panhandle experienced during Hurricane Michael, I praise Him even more for being to us what David outlines in Psalms 46. I thank Him for the lives that were spared, the opportunity to speak to some of our officers and co-laborers, and to hear them say, "I am alright....God is good!"

Certainly it is heartbreaking to hear that many have lost roofs to their homes of many years; some homes obtained horrendous structural damages; some have lost the top floor to their house; some have lost their cars (2 in one family) thus leaving them without transportation; many are experiencing the inability to get in and out of their house due to fallen trees; and to live without

utilities and life's basic necessities.

But we must continue to believe that God is still in control and He "IS a very present help in trouble." Therefore, we will fervently maintain our steadfast prayer that God will continue to bless and keep our co-laborers during this time of tribulation and restoration. We believe that blessings are on their way!

On a more joyful note: Let me thank the Deaconess and supporters from various areas around the state that joined us for Donation Day at Florida Memorial University on November 20, 2018. Those in attendances were: Sisters Lillie Wright, Joy Leonard, Tina Brown (Orlando), Sisters; Mary Tuggles, Betty Williams, Cynthia Perry (Jacksonville), Sister Margaret Jones-Frison (Sanford), and Sisters Elouise Bythwood and Mary Kendall (Belle Glade). The Deaconess Council donated \$1000.00 again this year and enjoyed a wonderful program sponsored by Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention and Dorothy Davis; Senior Women Mission President and FMU Board Member.

May you have a Merry Christmas along with a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Sister Gerri McCallister

State Deaconess Council President



Once again, it becomes my pleasure to greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Having completed our Joint Brotherhood Unity Day/Deaconess Council Summit this past August, we're now looking forward to the 2018 Winter Board which has been relocated to Orlando, FL.

From there, right around the corner, the excitement builds as we begin the approach towards 105th Annual Session of the Progressive Mission and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. in his same city. We are prayerful that God will lead, guide and direct your path towards, and during this great occasion.

On behalf of the Brotherhood, we welcome you to come and worship with his ministry. We are positive that you will gain great knowledge, and wisdom, and that you will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit for your journey.

We gather to become **BETTER MEN**, so that when we leave, we leave as **BROTHERHOOD MEN!**

God's riches blessings be upon you all.

Wayne Herring
Ministry President



The Brotherhood Ministry



Bro. Spaulding receiving award presented by National Brotherhood President



Bro. Darius Wilson
State Youth Vice President in Brotherhood meeting



Greetings from the Junior Women's Ministry,

I am excited to welcome you to our annual Mid Winter Board session for the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of FL, Inc. We give all praises and thanks unto God for this great privilege to come together in unity as we plan for our upcoming state convention.



I also want to take the time to thank New Gulf Coast Junior Women's Auxiliary for hosting our annual Conference on the Vine that was held in Panama City in August. We had an awesome time in The Lord and exceeded our financial goal. While we were there, as an outreach project, we donated to the New Macedonia MBC, Tampa, FL during their time of devastation.

In September, we were blessed to have a total of 7 Junior Women from Florida in attendance at our National Convention in Lombard, IL., where they won our national banner march. We are looking forward to having more in attendance next year and remaining number one.

After returning from the Windy City of Chicago, we donated water and Gatorade to the New Macedonia MBC, Tampa, FL as they prepared to start their church reconstruction.

Special thanks to the National Baptist Convention of America Junior Women's Auxiliary and Progressive M&E Junior Women's Auxiliary for donating gift cards to our Junior Women sisters in the panhandle during hurricane Michael!

As we prepare to fellowship together in the coming year, let us continue to stay prayerful and look to God for guidance. I look forward to seeing each of my sisters at this Mid winter board session!



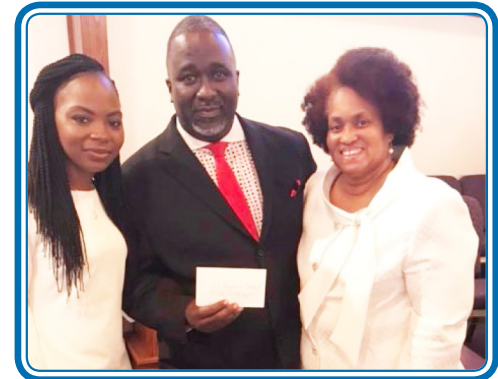
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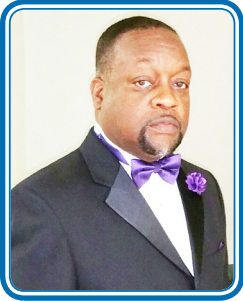
Yours in Christ,

Sister Sonja Camel,
Junior Women President



JUNIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY





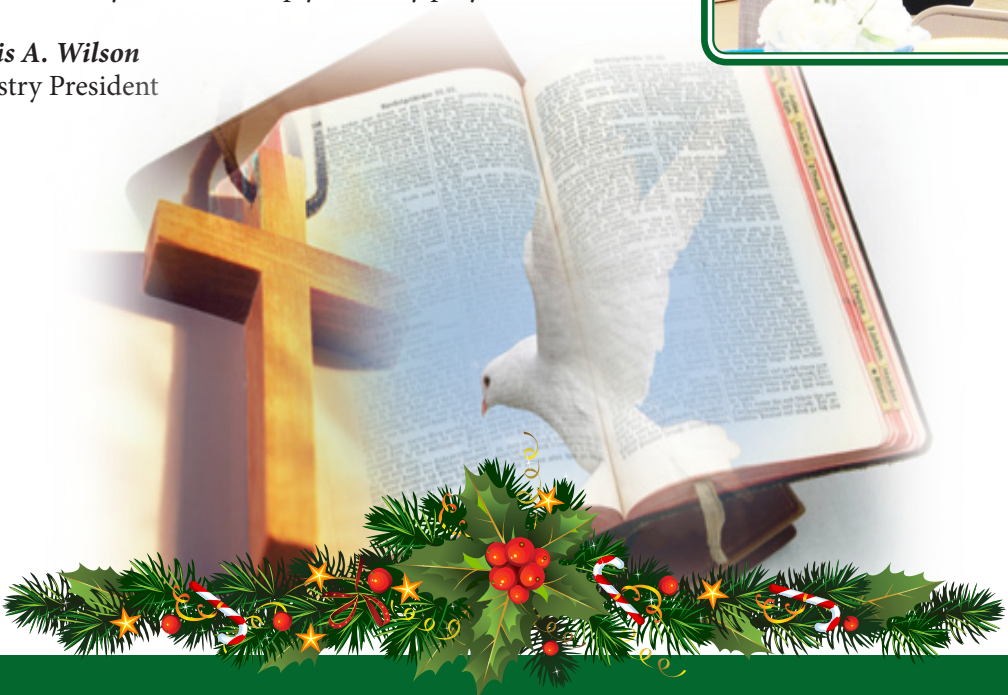
Greeting and Peace to each of you. It is with great joy that I use this manner to address you at this time. The Ushers Ministry has made great strides this year because of your dedication and commitment, as we go into the new year let us continue to work together and accomplish the goals that will be set before us. Let us continue to be on one accord with one another as Amos 3:3 states “how can two walk together except they agree.” It is my prayer, as we entered into this Holiday Season that we be mindful of others rather than ourselves and that God’s riches be upon each of you and that you and your family will have a prosperous New Year in 2019.



Our annual session will convene March 18-22, 2019 in Orlando, we have planned a spirit filled week with the preached word, singing, teaching, dynamic speakers, Viola Phillips Banquet and much more. Please make arrangements to attend, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

May God richly bless and keep you, is my prayer.

Curtis A. Wilson
Ministry President



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Wednesday, December 5

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
WELCOME PROGRAM”

Presented By:
Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church
And
First South Florida District Association
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator

Held at

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church
4077 Prince Hall Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32811
Reverend Dr. J. Roy Morrison, Pastor

8:00 P.M.

Vice President Brian Brown, Presiding
First Providence Baptist Church, Bartow
Reverend Deryl Jones, Pastor
And
First South Florida District Association
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator

Devotion

Deacons of First Providence, *Bartow*

Selections

First Providence Choir

Introduction of Preacher
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper
First Baptist Church, West Tampa

Sermon
Reverend Deryl Jones, Pastor
First Providence MB Church, Bartow

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Reverend Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr.
Bethel MB Church, Orlando

Offertory Appeal
Reverend Clifton E. Dollison
First MB Church, Winter Haven

Remarks
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon
Reverend Marques Gundy, Sr.
St. Paul MB Church, Pierce

Thursday, December 6

10:00 A.M.
INTRODUCTORY WORSHIP
SERVICE

Vice President Aldredge L. Young, Presiding

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Devotion

Association Deacons

Morning Message

Reverend Dr. Marcellious Willis, Jr.
St. Luke MB Church, Panama City

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Reverend C. L. Wilson
St. Mary MB Church, Blountstown

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

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 Brian Brown, Presiding

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Reverend Charles E. Williams, Jr. Pastor
And

New Central District Association

Reverend Otis Raines, Moderator

Devotion

Deacons of Zion Hill

Selections

Zion Hill Choir

Introduction of Preacher

Moderator Otis Raines
Christian Fellowship MB Church, Sanford

Sermon

Reverend Charles Williams, Jr. Pastor
Zion Hill MB Church, Orlando

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Reverend James L. Wilson
Bethlehem MB Church, Deleon Spring

Offertory Appeal
Reverend David Strapp
Mt. Mission MB Church, Daytona Beach

Remarks & Benediction
President Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

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

Sermon
Reverend Jay Jackson
Mt. Olive MB Church, Lakeland

Friday, December 7

9:00 A.M.
Vice President H. T. Rucker, Presiding

Winter Board Meeting 2017

Devotion
Moderator Riley Henderson
Pastor, St. Luke, Marianna

Reverend Dr. Fleming Tarver
Pastor, St. John, Clearwater

Congregational Singing

Introduction of President
Vice President Aldredge L. Young
First Mount Moriah MB Church, Panama City

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 Brian K. Brown
St. Mark MB Church, St. Petersburg

Presentation of the 2019 Annual Session Program
Corresponding Secretary, Reverend Dr. W. J.
Haynes, Greater Hope MB Church, Tampa

Business Session and 2019 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