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

The President Speaks...



Greetings to all Progressive Pastors, Officers, Congress Staff, Ministry Leaders, and Messengers:

It is with great anticipation and much enthusiasm that I welcome you Progressive Constituents, and visiting friends, to the 44th Annual Session of our State Congress of Christian Education!

As we assemble here in the city of Orlando, it is my prayer that you will have a blessed and rewarding

time as we study together and gain more knowledge of God's word that will enable us to be transformed and renewed servants, who are able to further give service to our various churches. Our goal is to equip our delegates so they can assist their pastors in this great work of the ministry, as well as equipping them for personal spiritual growth.

Allow me to first express my sincere appreciation to the United Fellowship Association, under the leadership of Moderator, Dr. Jimmie Downing, for taking on the task of hosting this our 2018 session. Thank you to the pastors and churches of United Fellowship who worked untiringly in the planning and preparation that goes into ensuring our stay in Orlando is a memorable one.

I am proud to be surrounded by very capable leaders/officers of our State

Congress! Special appreciation to our Congress President, Reverend Riley Henderson, our State Youth and Children's Director, Dr. Kelly Brown, and all of the Congress officers and staff who assist in this ministry. I am sure they have chosen the very best prepared and capable instructors and presenters who will share that which God has given to them for this session.

Thank you in advance Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and officers of our state convention for your continued support and commitment. With your prayers and participation, we will continue to do those things God has assigned to us for this day and time.

Have a wonderful stay in Orlando and a safe trip home!

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*

**The 44th
Annual Session of the
Congress of Christian
Education**

THEME:
"Transformation, Renewal and Service"
Romans 12:1-2

HOSTED BY:
United Fellowship Association,
Moderator Dr. Jimmie Downing



Greetings From Lady Banks

It is with Jesus joy I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My heart is overjoyed today as I bring you greetings and I reflect on the beautiful session we had in Dallas, Texas. I know my mother, Directress Elizabeth Rosier, is looking down on us as she saw the great work of her boys in Dallas. Tears went down my eyes to see how they performed.

Our dear brother Chris Anthony directed that Drill Team, and our National Youth President Marcus Stovall did preach his last address. My, what a Word. Director Rev. Terrence Grant Malone, gave an address out of this world; Rev. Dedrick Williams lead the registration team; Rev. Larry Roundtree was coordinating children activities; and Rev. Larenthia Smith directed the National Youth Orchestra. And to top it off, our President, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., was chosen to represent the Nation Baptist Convention of America, International in the heat of Dallas to give the prayer at the National Teacher's Association's protest over our children who are still held away from their parents in detention centers in El Paso Texas.

We praise God for our youth President Daryl Jones making 1st Vice President of National Baptist Youth, and for New Mt. Zion MB Church Youth bringing home the national oratorical banner.

Florida, my heart os overjoyed to see the many Pastors that represented Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of Florida. That is why you are the greatest State Convention this side of heaven, with the greatest members, the greatest children, the greatest Pastors, the greatest Deacons, the greatest Directors and Directresses, and the greatest President. I love you all. Thank you for your prayers, support, and your love.

Turn it Up!! Stay Lit!!

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 you in the name of the Risen and Soon to come Savior. I was deeply blessed and humbled by the outpouring of love, support and dedication shown to the Ministry during our Annual session in March. You came in large numbers and you were willing to work where you were needed. There were several officers not in attendance due to illness. However those that were asked to help gladly did so. I really thank you from the bottom of my heart. This work is not about us and you demonstrated your willingness to work on the King's agenda.

I can't say thank you enough to those that helped with the finance. You worked well together despite some of the challenges that we encountered. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

You showed by your giving that you are aware that it is our Mission to care and help others by your gift cards for our Outreach Project. We donated over \$2500.00 To God Be the Glory.

Thanks so much for your support of me. Those of you that worked on the President's Hour Committee

thanks for a job well done. I was blessed and overwhelmed by your gifts, cards, and financial blessings. Every act of kindness no matter how large or small is greatly appreciated. I love each of you and I appreciate all that you do.

What a spirit filled National Field Mission Conference that was held in Kansas City, MO. Thanks to those of you that attended. A special thanks to the Field Mission Minister Advisor, Elder Paul Buster for his presence at the Conference. Again you came through in your support of the Outreach Project. Florida contributed over \$600. Please keep Elder Buster and the New Macedonia MB Church in prayer. The Church was severely damaged by a fire.

We look forward to our time of study together during the PM&E Baptist State Convention of FL Congress of Christian Workers that will meet in Orlando on July 16-20. Sisters Dorothy Jenkins and Ola Johnson will continue our study from the book, "Gaining Wisdom---Praising His Name." Let us show up in large numbers for this time of study.

Our focus will be on 1000 Women in White that will be held in Panama City, FL on August 18-19. The Progressive of West Florida District Association will serve as host. Rev. Delwynn Williams serves as Moderator and Sister Linda Lewis is the District Senior Women President. The business meeting will

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be on Saturday, August 18 at 1:00 P.M.(CDT) at the St. John MB Church where Rev. Delwynn Williams. Moderator , is also Pastor Teacher. The 1000 Women in White Worship Service will be held at the St. John MB Church on Sunday, August 19 at 2:00 P.M. (CDT) The New Gulf Coast Mass Choir will lead in our Worship through singing and the Rev. Brian K. Brown, Pastor of St. Mark MB Church, St. Petersburg, FL, the Moderator of South Florida Progressive Association and the Fourth Vice President of PM&E will deliver the message.

Please remember our financial obligations to this event. The enrollment:

Church----\$25.00

Association----\$50.00

Personal-----\$50.00

I ask that we do all of our enrollments on Saturday. This gives the finance committee an opportunity to attend the services.

The Lord has commissioned each of us to do all that we can for the kingdom. He is looking for Women that can He can count on. Can the Master count on you? Is your answer, "Where He leads me I will follow." Because of Calvary,

Sister Dorothy P. Davis, President

Senior Women's Ministry

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State Congress Director**



"As ye therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Col. 2:6-7)

Greetings from the Deaconess Council Ministry,

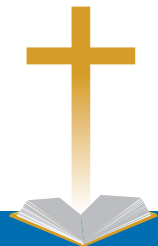
We are again grateful to our Lord and Savior for allowing us to gather in the Central Florida area within the great city of Orlando for the 45th Session of the Congress of Christian Education of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida. We give all praises and thanks unto God our Father for this great privilege. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciations to the host committee for all the efforts made in preparation as they await our arrival the week of July 16 - 20, 2018. Deaconess Council Teacher, Sister Ruth Johnson is as always, excited about sharing God's Word with the Deaconesses. I invite all Deaconesses in the surrounding area as well as statewide, to please do not miss this opportunity to hear more great teaching by Sister Johnson and another time to fellowship with one another.

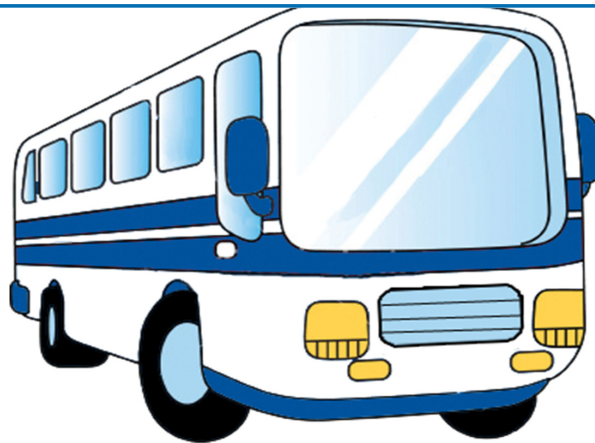
The Deaconess Council had a wonderful and blessed time in March during our 104th Session at the Innisbrook Golf Resort & Spa, Palm Harbor, Florida. Many were in attendance and we were blessed and delighted with all of the spirit-filled services that took place. Not only did we enjoy our joint session with the Brotherhood, we also enjoyed a joint session with the Senior Women Mission and are looking forward to next year's session. Many thanks to President Dorothy Davis and Deaconess Callie Wooden for bringing to us a live off-Broadway play with actors from New York City. A joyful time was had by all!

Special Notice: You are cordially invited to attend the Deaconess Council Annual Retreat and Deaconess Council Summit, August 23 - 25, 2018 to be held in conjunction with the Brotherhood Unity Day in Panama City. The Host Association will be Progressive West of Florida and the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Moderator Delwynn Williams, Pastor. The Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Select - 2001 MLK Blvd. Tele: (850) 769-0000. Cut-off date: 7/27/2018.

Sister Gerri McCallister

Council President





BUS TRANSPORTATION TO DEACONESS COUNCIL RETREAT AND SUMMIT

August 23-25, 2018

Panama City, FL

COST: \$50.00 round trip

DEADLINE: 23 July 2018

The New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church has made their bus available to transport the Deaconesses to Panama City for 3 days. **Please contact Sis. Gerri McCallister or Sis. Mary Priester to reserve your seat.** We need at least 35 people to keep the cost at \$50.00. If we fill the bus, the cost could be lower. Please ask husbands, friends and other Deaconesses you might know to accompany us on this fantastic road trip.

HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM



“We will praise thee, O Lord with our whole heart; we will show all thy marvelous works” Psalms 9:1

Greetings in His Name,

We give thanks to the Lord for His blessings. Welcome to the 44th Annual Session of Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. Congress of Christian Education. We pray that you will be lifted up through fellowship and God’s messengers.

According to Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Congested Heart Failure affects about five (5) million people in America. It is the leading cause of death for people of most racial/ethnic groups in the United States.

“Managing Heart Disease” will be the focus of our sessions during Congress. Emphasis will be placed on risk factors, prevention and treatment of heart attacks, and one type of heart failure.

We look forward to seeing you!

In His Service,

Cosette Whitmore, PhD
Ministry President
Health Awareness Team





WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY

Greetings in the matchless name of our Savior:
I am excited to welcome you to our 44th 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, you continue to be a blessing in the areas we visit and to me personally. Your donations to the shelter and your love and support of me and my family was overwhelming. I would like to say thank you to our host Women's Intermediate Auxiliaries in Tampa and to those that worked so hard to make the 19th Annual National WIA Conference a success. The sisterhood form across the United States expressed gratitude for the wonderful time they had in Florida. Thank you again.

We are looking forward to our Annual Mission Encounter in Panama City in August. I am looking forward to us being a blessing to the Family Services of Bay County, Inc. and witnessing in the local areas during our time in my great City. We are also anticipating an awesome time with our sisters nationally at our Annual National Convention in Lombard, IL. Please continue to work hard to support Sister Legretta Anderson as our National Queen contestant. Florida needs to retain the crown as we raise funds for a worthy cause.

I would like to congratulate Sister Cynthia Downing (Assistant Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor) and Sister Vivian Walker (Financial Secretary) on their selection as National Officers for the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary. I am also humbled to have been selected to serve as First Vice President. To God be the Glory!

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 16

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 Shiloh, *Largo*
Deacons of St. John, *Clearwater*

Selections Shiloh and St. John Choirs

Sermon Reverend Willie McClendon
Shiloh Baptist Church, Largo

Alternate Reverend Dr. Fleming Tarver
St. John, Clearwater

Offering, Announcements and Adjourn

Tuesday, July 17

***** ALL CLASSES WILL HELD AT
HILTON ORLANDO *****

Reverend 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

Reverend Clifton E. Dollison, Chairman

BROTHERHOOD & MEN'S MINISTRY

Act Like Men – James McDonald

Deacon Leonard Thomas, 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

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DEACONESS MINISTRY

“Lost At The Pool” by: Dr. Maurice Riley
Sister Ruth Johnson, Instructor

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. Cosette Whitmore, Instructor

“A clinic is provided”

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 Charles Williams
Zion Hill, Orlando

Alternate: Reverend Dr. Rollie Murray
Bethel, Orlando

“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

Dr. Sam Maxwell in Charge

Theme: A Clear Picture of Your Church’s Future.”

Eph. 4:12-13; Phil. 1:6

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. – 2:20 P. M.Purpose, “Why did God
leave a Church on Earth?”

Dr. Sam Maxwell

Progress Village, Tampa

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2:30-3:10 P.M..... Session 1
Vision, “Where are you Planning to
Lead God’s People?”
Pastor Larry Roundtree
New Mount Zion, Tampa

3:15-3:25 P.M.....Registration and Announcement

3:30-4:10 P.M..... Session 2
“Values, “What are the Primary
Values of Your Church?”
Pastor Eddie Hadley, III
Pine Bloom, Greensboro

4:15-4:30 P.M..... 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 W. F. Leonard
St. John, Palmetto

Wednesday, July 18

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**

1:00 1:30 P.M.Registration

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

1:40-2:20 P.M..... Session 3
Views, “What are basic assumptions or
Beliefs of church family?”
Pastor Todd Hammond
First Baptist Progress Village, Tampa

2:20-2:25 P.M..... Registration and Announcement

2:30 – 3:10 P. M..... Session 4
Vision, “Where are you planning to lead
God’s People?”
Pastor Larry Roundtree

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3:15 – 3:25 P. M... Registration and Announcement

3:30-4:10 P.M..... Session 5
Values, “What are the Primary Values of
Your Church?”
Pastor Eddie Hadley

4:15-4:30 P.M..... Reassemble, Offering,
Announcements and

Adjourn for Dinner

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 W. D. Sims

St. Matthew, Tampa

Thursday, July 19

Reverend Darrel Davis, Presiding

8:30 A.M.Devotion: Brotherhood Ministry

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

PASTORS’ & MINISTERS’ CONFERENCE

Reverend Clifton Dollison, Chairman

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

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

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

Sermon:.....Reverend W. C. Barnes
Macedonia, Eatonville

Alternate:Reverend Dr. Jimmie Downing
Greater New Jerusalem, Lakeland

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

1:30 P.M.

Dr. Sam Maxwell in Charge

A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

*(See Tuesday’s schedule and Presenters for this
Conference Workshop)*

4:10 P.M. REASSEMBLE

7:00 P.M.

Devotional Moments Deacons of
Bethlehem, Winter Garden &
St. Matthew, Sanford

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Selections..... Bethlehem & St. Matthew Choirs

Sermon..... Reverend Dr. C. R. Taylor
Bethlehem, Winter Garden

Alternate Reverend Leonard Wilson
St. Matthew, Sanford

“Choirs and Ushers are asked to serve”

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Reverend Edwin L. Stallworth
Evelenar, Crestview

Friday, July 20

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”*



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOST

United Fellowship Association,
Moderator Dr. Jimmie Downing

COMING SOON



“Challenged, But Not Conquered”

*A new book by
Lady Vanessa D. Banks*

*Please see her for additional
information.*



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