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The PROGRESSIVE

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

From the President



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

Welcome back to Innisbrook, A Salamander Golf & Spa Resort. We are excited to be back in Palm Harbor at the place of the PGA Valspar Golf Tournament, which just concluded a few Sundays ago. I would like to thank Reverend Deryl Jones and the First Providence Church of Bartow along with the First South Florida Association for hosting our Winter Board in December 2017. We were blessed by all that came to share in a spirit-filled session and time of planning. Indeed the City of Bartow and the churches used will never be the same because of the constituents of Progressive M&E.

I am asking all of the churches that did not enroll at the Winter Board to add that amount to your enrollment for this session and submit it to our financial secretary. I want to thank all of you for your continued support as we strive to meet the needs of our people.

Welcome to our 104th Annual Session. We are in for a great time of fellowship and worship this week. I am grateful to Moderator Willie J. Haynes and the Mt. Pilgrim Association for their excitement in hosting us this week. Please reach out to him or any pastor of Mt. Pilgrim should you have a question or need assistance. Our theme this week is "Transformation, Renewal, and Service" and the scripture is Romans 12:1-2. Just as the golfer cannot win by himself or herself. We as Christians need each other to win battles for Christ. We have come this week to renew



fellowships with some we have not seen since last year. By this renewal we are able to press on in the service of our God, showing the world how we have been transformed by our God. We plan to leave here this week, winners for Christ. We will not leave here with a trophy but with a renewed commitment for Mission and Education. Praise God for another year of service to Him.

Lastly, Lady Banks and I appreciate all of your support through the years and we look forward to our time with you this week. I am eternally grateful for all of my Vice-Presidents and cabinet members. It's a joy to work with all of you.

Sincerely,

Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President



Greetings From Lady Banks

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We do thank and praise God for our President, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., the love of my life for more than 40 years and the mighty Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Association under the leadership of Rev. Dr. W. J. Haynes., for being our host at this 104th Annual Session of the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of Florida. It is with Jesus joy that I bring you these few words of greeting. I thank you for your kindness, prayers, and all of your sharing that you have done for me and my family down through the years. I do not take this for granted.

It is with heart-felt gratitude that I express to you today and say thank you. Thank you to my St. John family, my immediate family, and to you, Progressive M & E, for all that you share and for letting us know that you truly care. We look forward to continue to serve you because you are a blessing and you have always been there.

To God be the glory for all the things He has done.

Lady Vanessa Banks

*Thank
You*



“ A Detour, Not A Dead End”



Barbara F. Wright
*President, Senior Women's Missionary Union
National Baptist Convention of America International, Incorporated*

Experience has taught us that nothing is more precious in this life as are the promises God makes to His people. Among the Hymns that many of us grew up hearing, there is one that says, “Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring, glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises on God.

We must be reminded that God does not always present us with open doors on the main thoroughfares of life. I want to suggest to those of us who are struggling with the difficulties and despairing dilemmas of this life that we should never, I repeat, never allow our situation to define the limits of our world views.

There is yet the word of the Psalmist, in the 121st Division that affirms, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help, My help cometh from the LORD which made heaven and earth.”

In the darkness of my dilemma, (cancer), I found that living in a faithful fellowship with the Lord, I found power to rise above difficulties; for HIS presence brings peace and purpose. For Romans 8:28 reminds us, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” Putting our trust

in GOD allows a clearer concentration upon the pure rather than the defiled; upon victory, rather than defeat; upon substance, rather than shadows.

When we are faced with various difficulties and dilemmas, we can join the Apostle Paul in his testimony, “... in all these things we are more than conquerors through HIM that loved us.” Romans 8:37.



THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR BEING THE REASON I SMILE

For your fervent prayers...

For your care and support...

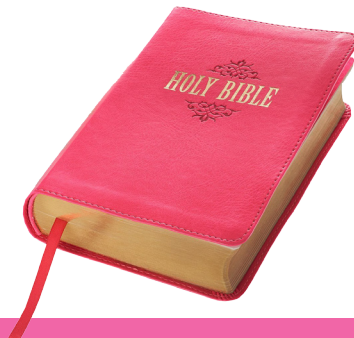
For unreservedly sharing your resources...

For taking time to do special things...

For being the reason I SMILE...

I send my heartfelt thanks.

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
HOPE THOU IN GOD: for I shall yet praise HIM,
who is the health of my countenance, and my God.”
Psalm 42:11



SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY



A Word From President Davis

Greetings to each of you in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are grateful to our God for His faithfulness to the Senior Women's Ministry, collectively and individually.

We give Him Honor, Praise and Glory for the things He has blessed us to do. He has been more than gracious, and we give him the Praise. He is worthy to be praised.

How we thank Him for allowing us to meet at the Innisbrook Resort for another convention. We realize that so much has happened since we met last. In spite of all of the different situations that have occurred in our lives, we still confess that God is still good all of the time.

The Senior Women's Ministry (State, District, and Local) is still carrying out the mandate given to us in Matthew 28:19-20. We are committed to the task given to us and we continue to:

- Evangelize
- Make donations to the sick and those in need
- Support education financially and provide teaching of the Word through workshops

We are very appreciative to President Banks, the Officers of the Convention, Moderators, Pastors and Ministers, Ministry Leaders and their followers, and the members of the Senior Women's Ministry for your donations to Florida Memorial University during Donation Day. Progressive M&E Baptist

State Convention reported \$80,000.00. General Baptist reported \$57,000. So thank you so very much Progressive for all of your efforts.

The Gospel Chorale from Florida Memorial University will be singing on Thursday, March 22 at 9:15 a.m. for the Senior Women's President's Hour. Please come by and hear them and also to see them. The First South Florida Association, under the leadership of Moderator Rayford Harper, and Sister Regina Lawrence, were instrumental in asking those that would to help with new uniforms for this group. We are excited to have them come and sing. So join us.

As we gather at Innisbrook, let us come praying and expecting a blessing from God. Let us be present for our sessions and be ready to give God the Worship and Praise He deserves. I pray we will be better because we have been here. I declare unto you if you draw near to Him, He will draw near to you. We know the field is white, but the laborers are few. It is my prayer that after being at Innisbrook we can sing a new song:

Hark! The voice of Jesus calling,
Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, the harvest, waiting,
who will bear the sheaves away?

Loud and long the Master calleth.
Rich reward He offers free,
Who will answer gladly saying,
"Here am I send me, send me."

Because of Calvary,

Dorothy P. Davis
Senior Women's Ministry President



*“Grace Be Unto You and Peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
(Philippians 1:2)*

Greetings from the Deaconess Council Ministry.....

On behalf of The Deaconess Council of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention it is my sincere honor to greet each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. As we gather for our 104 Session at beautiful Innisbrook Golf Resort during this week - March 19 – 23, 2018, we offer praises and thanksgiving to God our Father for allowing us to meet again. We are looking forward to having another joyful time in His name!

To all Deaconesses who have come from far and near, it is my privilege to see you again. And, to those Deaconesses who are attending for the first time, I am elated by your presence and thank God for your being with us. I pray you will be showered with many great blessings during this time...so much that you will return again next year!

We are grateful to Moderator W. J. Haynes and the Mt. Pilgrim District Association for serving as host and pray God’s blessings be with him and the members that great Association always.

Your-in-Christ Jesus!

Sister Gerri McCallister
State Deaconess Council President

**BROTHERHOOD
MINISTRY**



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

All roads has led us here to Palm Harbor to the beautiful Innisbrook Golf Resort & Spa. We are excited for our being

here and are looking to experience a spirit filled Brotherhood Session. This 104th Annual Session of the Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention will only catapult us into the year of Brotherhood Events we have planned for 2018. We are asking all Brothers to join with us as we continue on our Mission of Kingdom Building through Men.

It is our goal to continue to: Teach the word in the Home, with a consecrated Heart, following the footsteps of our Savior, Leading all Men to God.

“Let us not grow weary, there is still much work to be done, we have come to far to turn back now, let us continue to keep our eyes and focus on the prize.

Wayne Herring
Ministry President



The National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.,

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., M.Div., Convention President

Ira L. Clark Annual Region 2 Workshop of the
The Brotherhood Union Auxiliary

Forestal Lawton, NBCA Int., Inc., Brotherhood President

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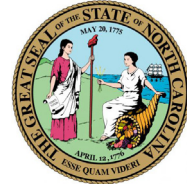
FLORIDA



GEORGIA



SOUTH CAROLINA



NORTH CAROLINA

May 25-26, 2018

Waiting to greet you will be....



Region 2 Chairman Brother Wayne Herring and
 Co-Chairman Brother Joseph Rudolph

REGISTRATION

Members: \$25.00 (or as best as you can)



1302 N. Willow Ave, Tampa, FL 33705
 (813) 251-6989
 Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Pastor



10150 Palm River Road, Tampa, FL 33619
 (813) 661-9719 Rate: \$95.00 per night
 Cute Off Date: May 4, 2018

Allie H. Biggs

PO Box 343 | Pahokee, FL 33476

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As I take this time to express my heartfelt love and sincere appreciation to you for your out-pouring spirit of love and kindness, my words cannot tell you my true feelings at this present time.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 His Word says, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you". Also Psalm 136:26 tells us to "Give thanks to the God of heaven for His loving kindness (graciousness, mercy, compassion) endures forever".

I am reminded that our God is worthy to be praised! What He has allowed me to witness through His grace, mercy, and keeping power during my time of despair, I shall forever give Him thanks and praises for His mighty works!

Not only did He let me see His hands saving me from the fire and other dangers that surrounded me, He let me experience a love and compassion from you and others throughout this entire ordeal that was meant to be a tragedy, yet God turned it around for the good.

Thank you for your amazing graciousness as you shared your blessings with me without a moment of hesitation. I will forever praise God for you and your family in remembrance of how hastily you came to my rescue in my time of need!

In humble appreciation,

Allie H. Biggs

HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM



Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ! God's Blessings to each of you. We are looking forward to your attendance at the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida and the 49th Annual Session of The Health Awareness Team. We pray that you will be lifted up through fellowship and God's messengers.

Welcome to the new Health Awareness Team from United Fellowship Baptist Association.

Health Focus: Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. More than half of deaths in men are due to heart disease. It is the leading cause of death for people of most racial/ethnic groups in the United States, including African Americans, Hispanics and Whites.

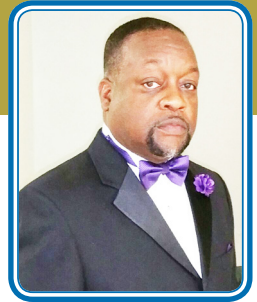
For this year, we have placed emphasis on educating our members and community on heart disease, risk factors and prevention. The Minister's Wives and Widows, Women's Intermediate, Senior Women Mission, and Brotherhood will receive presentations during their session.

In His Service
Dr. Cosette Whitmore, RN



USHERS MINISTRY

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Greetings to our Progressive family, the Usher's, Visitors and Friends! The Lord, God has indeed brought us from a mighty long way, and with his continued guidance he will direct our paths even further! In 2018, we will continue witnessing his wondrous works through us and within us as Usher's.

We are challenged to continue in FAITHFULNESS and sincere LOVE to our fellow man. Continue to look unto the hills from whence cometh our help, knowing that all our help and strength is given freely by our Lord. Come join us as we embark upon this great journey! Come let us worship and fellowship together. I commend the officers and the many Usher's throughout the State of Florida for their humbleness and their committed hearts to the building of God's kingdom through witnessing, teaching and reaching others.

As we approach this Sixth Fifth session, let us enjoy another week in the spirit of our Father. I hope that each of us will be enriched by what we hear and see, and that we will leave refreshed, refueled, and ready to do more for the cause of Christ! My prayer is that each ministry has a spirit-filled session and a safe trip back to their cities!

Serving Him While Serving Others

Curtis A. Wilson
Ministry President

WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY



Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sisterhood for your hard work thus far this year in all our endeavors. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. You continue to amaze me with your kindness and giving. As we share our mission work throughout Florida and the nation. Again Thank you. We have worked hard in planning an awesome time of fellowship and praise as well as time of learning. Mt. Pilgrim Association and Ministry Leader Sister Gloria Castillo have been waiting anxiously to receive you. We are also are looking forward to our workshop, banner march and fellowship with the YWA & Jr. Women.

Do not forget to see Sister Cynthia Downing to pick up your national conference t-shirt and sign up to take pictures this week. We are anticipating an inspiring conference as we host the National WIA on April 13 & 14 in Tampa. If you have not registered please do so as soon as possible. I look forward to sharing with you this week as we lift up the name of the Lord.

May God blessed each and everyone of you.

Sis. Kathy Jackson
President



Junior Women Auxiliary



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

We are most thankful to God for allowing us another opportunity to gather in His Name for a week of Christian ministry, fellowship, praise & worship, and most importantly sisterhood. Therefore, I would like to extend to you a warm welcome to the 104th Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. and the YWA/JWA 2018 Session.

Also, I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in allowing me to serve as your servant leader of this great ministry. With that being said, I come to you in the spirit of servanthood, commitment, and love striving for unity, growth, and cooperation as we do Kingdom work; our primary mission. Be assured that I realize that “No man is an island, no man stands alone.”

It is my prayer and desire that this annual session will inspire, recharge, and motivate you to strive for our primary mission. Also, I pray that you will feel a genuine welcome to lift the Name of Jesus, so when we have departed from this place, you will depart saying – To God be the glory for the great and marvelous things He hath done.

As we launch into this session, let us prayerfully ask the Lord to have His way in our lives as we look forward to an awesome week of ministry.

Sincerely,
Sister Sonja Camel, Ministry Leader

The 104th Annual Session

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March 19th – 23rd

Theme:

“TRANSFORMATION, RENEWAL AND SERVICE”

Romans 12:1-2

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOST:

Mount Pilgrim Missionary
Baptist Association, Inc.
Dr. W. J. Haynes, Host Moderator
Tampa, Florida

All Services Held at the:
Innisbrook Golf Resort & Spa
36750 US HWY 19 NORTH
Palm Harbor, Florida 34683

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Monday, March 19

7:00 P.M.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Musical and Welcome Program

Presented by:

**MOUNT PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, Moderator

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix Gardner, Chairman

Sermon Reverend Deldrick Leonard
Bethel, Lake Alfred

Tuesday, March 20

9:00 A.M.

OPENING SESSION

Fourth Vice -President Brown, Presiding

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

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

Brother Charlie Ball, Jr.,
St. John, Tampa

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

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

Directions for Enrollment.....President Banks

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 CONVENTION
HOST CHURCH & PASTOR**
New Gulf Coast Association
Reverend Dr. Aldredge L. Young, Pastor
First Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church,
Panama City

Music.....Choir

Introductory Sermon . Rev. Dr. Aldredge L. Young,
Pastor, First Mount Moriah
Panama City

Alternate Reverend Dr. C. L. Wilson
Pastor, St. Mary, Blountstown

LUNCH BREAK

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2:00 P.M.

ORTHODOXY HOUR

*Second Vice -President W. D. Sims, Presiding
Dr. Rollie Murray, Chairman*

Prayer and Praise Period

2:10 p.m.

Orthodoxy Speaker

*Moderator Lutezell Stallworth
Cedar Grove, Pensacola*

2:30 -3:55 p.m.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

(Supplementary Program Provided)

3:55 p.m.ENROLLMENT & OFFERING

Sermon: Reverend Dr. Delwynn Williams
*Pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Panama City*

Alternate: Reverend Sanford Hayes
*Pastor, New Life Missionary Baptist Church
Crestview*

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT

Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman

Devotional Period Deacons
First Baptist

Selection..... Choirs of First Baptist, Lakeland &
Bethel, Plant City

Greetings..... Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Sr.
*Vice President, Florida Theological
Seminary & Bible College Inc.*

*Dr. Jeffrey Swain
Chaplain, Florida Memorial University*

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Offertory Appeal Reverend Dr. Gary McNealy

Selections Choirs of First Baptist & Bethel

Sermon Reverend Dr. Alex Harper
*First Baptist Institutional Church, Lakeland,
President, Florida Theological Seminary &
Bible College, Inc. Lakeland, Fl*

Alternate Reverend Dr. Emmitt L. Wiseman
*Pastor, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Plant City*

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrick J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon Reverend Dr. Frank O'Harroll, Sr.
New Bethel, Winter Haven

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Wednesday, March 21

9:00 A.M.

**A. H. PARKER MEMORIAL
CHURCH LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

Dr. Sam Maxwell, Presiding
(Supplementary Program Provided)

2:00 P.M.

**A. H. PARKER LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE**

Reverend Larry Roundtree, Presiding

2:00 - 2:10 P.M. Devotional Period

2:15-2:20 P.M.....Enrollment & Offering

2:20- 3:50 P.M..... Conference Continues

3:55 P.M..... Sermon
Reverend Dr. Michael A. Rue
St. John, Arcadia

Alternate
Reverend Dr. Greg Robinson
Revelation, Tampa

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

Vice President at - Large A. Young, Presiding
Moderator Reverend Otis Raines, Chairman

THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT

Devotional Period Vice Moderator Dwight
Crockerham
Mt. Tabor, Marianna

Vice Moderator Lionel Camel, Jr.
Mt. Calvary, Belle Glade
Bethel, Okeechobee

Sermon Moderator Charlie E. Reese
Greater Union, South Bay
Greater South Florida Baptist Association

Alternate Moderator Riley J. Henderson
St. Luke, Marianna
Second West Florida Association

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrick J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon Reverend Sanford Hayes
New Life, Crestview

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Thursday, March 22

9:30 A.M.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Reverend Clifton Dollison, Chairman

(Supplementary Program Provided)

Devotional Period.....Reverend David Mazon
Mount Olive, Palmetto

Reverend Lonnie Brookins
St. Mary, Bradenton

9:45-11:20 A.M. **Pastoral Conference**

Enrollment and Offering

11:30. **Closing Sermon**

Reverend Barron Banks
St. John Progressive, Tampa

Alternate
Reverend W. F. Leonard
St. John, Palmetto

LUNCH BREAK

2:30 P.M.

SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR

Reverend Kenneth Holly, Chairman, Presiding

(Supplementary Program Provided)

7:00 P.M.

Third Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

MISSION EMPHASIS

Devotional Period.....Association Deacons

Music..... Association Choir

Sermon Reverend Nathaniel Trumpet, Jr.,
Pastor, Antioch, Quincy

Alternate Reverend Eddie Hadley III, Pastor
Pine Bloom, Greensboro

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrick J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon Reverend Greg Davis
St. Mary, Arcadia

The 104th Annual Session

Friday, March 23

9:00 A.M.

First Vice President Dr. H. D. Rucker, Presiding

Devotional Period

Brother Willie Pollock, Jr.,
New Liberty Hill, Bascom

Brother Charles Warren Jr.,
Second Baptist, Jacksonville

10:00 A.M.

Annual President's Hour

**Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
President**

(Supplementary Program provided)

**Reports from the
Financial Committee
Treasurer**

Announcements and Dismissal

**CLOSING OF THE ONE HUNDRED &
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**



THANK YOU

**for attending the
104th Annual
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of the Progressive
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State Convention of
Florida, Inc.**

Save The Date



**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 2018**

Lady Vanessa Banks

50TH YEAR In
Music



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECITAL

6:00 p.m.

Tampa Marriott Waterside

