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The PROGRESSIVE

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

From the President



Greetings Progressive Constituency, Visiting Guest, and Friends!

How blessed we are that God has allowed us to assemble once again in “The City Beautiful,” Orlando, dubbed the “theme park capital of the world;” as we convene for the 105th Annual session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated!

I am encouraged by what God enabled us to do in 2018, and I’m looking forward with much anticipation to what He will allow us to do in 2019. We are expecting to have a great session this week as we celebrate the goodness of

the Lord through the preaching of the word, singing, praying, and listening to what our Ministry Leaders have prepared to share with us in their annual messages.

I extend special appreciation to Second Vice-President, Reverend W. D. Sims, and the Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist church family, who are hosting us this week. They have been preparing for our arrival and I am sure they left no stones unturned to ensure we have a blessed and spirit-filled week. To each committee member who participated in the planning and preparation for this week, may God continue to bless you for your labor of love.

Welcome and special greetings to all Pastors, Officers, Ministry Leaders, delegates, and each of you who came to share in this

week of fellowship and worship with our sisters and brothers from around the state! Thank you for your loyalty and continued support throughout this past year. It is my prayer that we will continue to pray and promote the Progressive Convention agenda as we follow the vision God has given us for this season.

Have a blessed week, and a safe trip back to your homes, where I pray you will find all things well as you left them.

***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 43 years and St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor, for being our host at this 105th 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.

Our state also hosted the National Ministers' Wives Conference here in Tampa at New Mt. Zion M. B. Church, which was a great success. Thank you Progressive M and E.

The Lord has truly blessed us to have visiting with us our Late Night Speaker Rev. Dr. Kenneth Maurice Davis, National Junior Women President Sis. Shemyia Clemons, and National Women's Intermediate President Deidre Anderson and Vice President at Large Pam Dickey. Truly the Lord has blessed and smiled on President Banks and Progressive M and E. When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me, my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise God for saving me.

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!**



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 thank God for his goodness, His Grace and His Mercy toward us. New mercies He gives us everyday. Even though we fail Him, He continues to love us and we say, "Thank You Lord."

The Senior Women Ministry is continuing to carry out the mandate given to us to "Go ye therefore". We realize that there is much work to be done. No matter your age or circumstance, there is still something you can do.

We are looking with great anticipation to our gathering in Orlando at the Double Tree at Universal. We will gather together in His name to worship Him. We will pray, sing songs of praise, study the word of God, hear the word preached, give our offerings and fellowship with one another. It is always a joy to see our brothers and sisters from over the state of Florida. The Psalmist declared in Psalm 133:1—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" We are reminded of the song that says, "When all God's children get together what a time, what a time."

Thanks to all of you that have supported the Senior Women Ministry this past year and we look forward to your support in the coming months. We will host the National Field Missionaries' Conference in Louisville Kentucky on May 24-26; 2019. In as much

as we are host, we need all Floridians to be present. Our Field Mission Chair, Sister Cynthia Epps Lester is busy making plans for this event. Let us do all we can to help her.

Thank you for your support of 1000 Women in White held in Panama City at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, hosted by Progressive of West Florida District Association, Sister Linda Lewis, District President and Rev. Delwynn Williams, Moderator and Host Pastor. A big thanks for your presence and financial report at Florida Memorial University Donation Day at Miami Gardens.

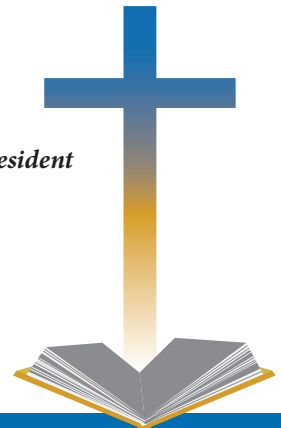
Progressive M&E Senior Women Ministry will be in charge of the program this year at Donation Day. Our President, Dr. Bartholomew Banks will be the minister of the Hour. Make plans to be in attendance.

Lastly, thank you for your over whelming generosity to the Panhandle for Hurricane Michael Relief. Slowly, but surely, we will return, but some areas still need our support. Remember that we are our brother's keeper.

Love, peace and joy to you in the name of Jesus. I pray for you and you pray for me.

Because of Calvary,

Dorothy P. Davis
Senior Women's Ministry President





*“Be thou exalted, O God,
above the heavens let thy
glory be above all the earth.”
(Ps. 56:11)*

Greetings from the Deaconess Council Ministry.....

The Deaconess Ministry are looking forward to another blessed session this year in the beautiful city of Orlando. We thank God for allowing us this privilege. Special thanks to the ladies of Central Florida for the preparation they have made to host us. We are looking forward to sharing this exciting time with everyone that will be gathering for this 105th Session!

On Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2019, the Progressive Missionary Education Baptist State Deaconess Council held an appreciation luncheon at St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Pastor, to celebrate our first president (after reorganization of the ministry), Deaconess Patricia Ann Ball. After much prayer and planning, the luncheon was deemed a success. The joyful look on Sister Patricia and Deacon Charlie Ball’s faces were truly evidence of appreciation and a job well done. Thanks to all of the ladies in our ministry for making hearts happy. We praise God for blessing this wonderful and loving couple!

Your-in-Christ Jesus!

Sister Gerri McCallister
State Deaconess Council President



Deaconess Patricia Ann Ball
& Dea. Charlie Ball



President Bartholomew
& Lady Vanessa Banks



Dea. Emmett McCallister &
Deaconess Gerri McCallister

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY



*Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren
to dwell together in Unity.*

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I take great pleasure in welcoming you to this the 105th Annual Session of our Convention. Thanks be to God for His Grace and Mercy that has allowed us to come together one more time, so let us come together clapping glad hands, patting happy feet for the great things He has done in our lives.

It is our prayer that this week we will give God our highest praises that we can give. Please allow me to say a heart-felt thank-you to all of you who have labored in the vineyard since our last coming together. We also like to thank Pastor Rollie Murray Jr., and the Bethel Church family for opening their doors and hearts to us so that we may have a morning of fellowship and a base for our out-reach on Wednesday.

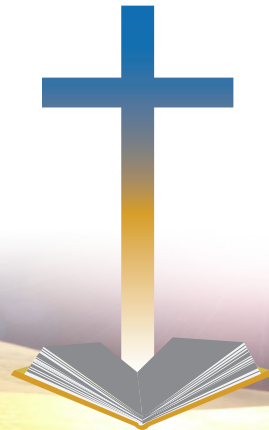
We also would like to draw your attention to these major events on our calendar

- May 24-25, Region 2 Workshop, Andrews, South Carolina
- August 23-24, Marlvin Philips Annual Brotherhood Unity Day, Grace Mary MBC, Tampa
- September 10-13, NBCA Annual Session, Oklahoma City, OK.
- December 4-6, Mid-Winter Board, St. John MBC, Panama City.

Please be mindful of these events and details of event will be forwarded in a timely manner. Again it is my prayer that you will enjoy this session.

May God riches blessings continue to fall upon you is my Prayer

Wayne Herring
Ministry President



The National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.,

Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., Convention President

Rev. S. C. Dixon, Jr., General Secretary

Ira L. Clark Annual Region 2 Workshop of the

The Brotherhood Union Auxiliary

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

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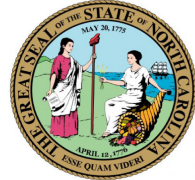
FLORIDA



GEORGIA



SOUTH CAROLINA



NORTH CAROLINA

May 24-25, 2019

Waiting to greet you will be....



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

REGISTRATION

Members: \$25.00



Jerusalem Center
613 Jones Ave
Andrews, SC 29510
(843) 264-9596



Baymont Inn & Suites
120 Church Street, Georgetown, SC 29440
(843) 546-7175
\$109.00 per room (plus tax)
CUT-OFF DATE: Apr 24th

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. Psalm 103: 2-3

Greetings All! We look forward to fellowshipping with you during the 105th Session of Progressive M & E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. and the 50th Session of the Health Awareness Team in Orlando, Florida.

Welcome to the team representing the African American Alzheimer's Caregivers Training and Support (ACTS 2) group from north Florida during this session. The African American Alzheimer's Caregivers Training and Support Project 2 offers faith-based, skill building and support services to distressed African American caregivers of loved ones with dementia and Alzheimer's.

We are pleased to have established a partnership with this team and project to assist and educate our congregation and community.

The giving spirit was evident from the various ministries with the number of gift cards provided to the Ella Austin Community Center in San Antonio, Texas during the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. Winter Board.

In His Name,

Dr. Cosette Whitmore
Ministry Leader



Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows



Greetings and salutations,

To President Banks and Lady Vanessa Banks, all officers, members and associates of Progressive M&E State Convention Incorporated, I greet you in the holy and immaculate name of Jesus our Christ and our Lord. Ministers Wives and Ministers Widows, I am humbled and grateful to be a part of this "Blooming" sisterhood, thank you for continuing in the faith and aspiring to be holy and trustworthy in this work as ministers' wives. As we embark upon another year of praise, worship and thanksgiving to our Lord for 105 years of togetherness in his name, lifting high the banner of pointing souls to the cross, where he gave his life for us let us be reminded that we are soldiers marching for Christ..." onward Christian soldiers marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe forward into battle, see his banners go."

We graciously anticipate our coming together as Minister Wives and Ministers Widows as arm bears for kingdom building.

Our theme remains "Blooming Where You Are in Difficult Times."

Our aim and purpose is to help strengthen our sisters to be all that they can be as helpmeets for their husbands.

We have engaged in numerous initiatives to support these efforts

- Community Outreach-
 - 2016 Family Services Agency of Bay County, Panama City
 - 2017 Outreach of the District Association hosting the convention
 - 2018 Benevolence to State President Allie Biggs due to loss of her home due to fire
 - 2019 Three associations (Progressive Missionary Baptist Association of West Florida, 2nd West Missionary Baptist Association and New Gulf Coast Missionary Baptist Association due to hurricane Michael
- Precious Memories / Memorial - Remembering immediate family members who have deceased among us
- Lady Confidential- Self Love & Enhancement Session
- Designers Original – A source to build confidence in MWMW ministry
- MWMW Mentor- Ministers' wives mentoring ministers' wives
- Lady of Distinction – Honors MWMW who serve faithfully and unwaveringly above and beyond the call duty in the church, association and community
- Ministry Workshops – Coordinated by the Dean which includes interaction and participation from all members

We look forward to seeing each of you in Orlando, March 18-22, 2019. May the Lord provide safe travel and a blessed us with a spirit-filled week of fellowship.

In Jesus' name,

Lady Allie Biggs

Progressive M&E State Convention
MWMW State President

WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY



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 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 week of fellowship and praise as well as time of learning. We are looking forward to our mission efforts with Harbor House, workshop, banner march and fellowship with the Jr. Women. We invite everyone to stop by this week to view our baskets in our annual basket give-a-way. The drawing will be held Thursday evening.

I would like to also extend a warm welcome to our special guests, National President, Sister Deidre Anderson of Texas and our Vice President at-Large Sister Pam Dickey of Mississippi. Let's show them some Florida love as they share with us.

Again, I congratulate, Sister Legretta Anderson the 2018 Queen winner. I wanted to share, Sister Cynthia Downing will represent Florida in the Queen Saints on Parade Mission & Education fund raiser for the NBCA Women's Intermediate Auxiliary in 2019. We thank you in advance for your support of our fund raising efforts. We want to support the mission and education efforts and want Florida to be victorious. The Annual Session of National Baptist Convention of America, Intl., Inc will convene September 8 - 13, 2019 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The National Baptist Convention of America Women's Intermediate Auxiliary 20th Annual Conference will be held April 5 - 7, 2019 in Biloxi, MS. We are anticipating an inspiring conference and an awesome time.

There are still seats available to join us on our bus trip to Biloxi, MS for the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary 20th Annual Conference. Please see Sister Cynthia Downing for more details.

I look forward to sharing with you during our sessions as we lift up the name of the Lord.

In His Service,

Sis. Kathy Jackson

President



Sis. Deidre Anderson
National President



Sis. Pam Dickey
Vice President-at-Large



USHERS MINISTRY

Greetings and Peace to each of you, who have come to share in this our 66th Usher's Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. We have looked forward to this session with great anticipation. As we gather in Orlando FL to continue the work of the Ministry's Agenda," we also come to remember and aid those whose lives have been so tremendously impacted by disaster and bereavement.

Our ministry is facing many challenges today, but our God who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, gives us the strength to endure and overcome every obstacle that we face if we totally lean and depend upon Him. It is my prayer that this week our session will be spiritually uplifting and enriching, and that we will return to our various homes energized and ready to do more. Our 2018 Scholarship awardees Jada Peterson, Tyren Richardson and Isaiah Killings congratulations. A special dedication to our beloved 2nd Vice President Thelma Lewis and Mary Riley Rest in Peace.

I am appreciative and grateful to my cabinet for their diligence and support of our work, as well as the outstanding commitment and support of our Districts and local churches! You have helped to make this pass year a success in spite of the challenges we all have had to face in these challenging times. God continues to be faithful to His promise and He will see us through even these tough times. God has already done, "exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to the power that works within us."

Serving Him While Serving Others,

Curtis A. Wilson
Ministry President

Called to *Serve*



Junior Women Auxiliary



Greetings in the
matchless name of
our Savior,

I am excited to welcome you to our 105th Annual session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of FL, Inc. We give all praises and thanks unto God for allowing us to gather together once again in the great city of Orlando. I want to give a special thanks to all of my officers for all of your hard work made in preparation for this week.

I would also like to take the time to thank our National Junior Women's President for flying all the way from Portland, Oregon just to fellowship with us. Sis. Shemyia Clemons, your presence is greatly appreciated.

As we prepare to fellowship together and have a glorious time in the Lord, let us remain prayerful and look to God for guidance. I look forward to seeing each of my sisters at this session.

Remember, the work of the Kingdom is our primary mission.

Yours in Christ,

Sis. Sonja Hanks-Camel
Ministry Leader



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March 18th – 22nd

Theme:

“TRANSFORMATION, RENEWAL AND SERVICE”

Romans 12:1-2

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOST:

St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church
Reverend W. D. Sims, Host Pastor
Tampa, Florida

All Services Held at the:
Double Tree by Hilton
5780 Major Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32819

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Monday, March 18

7:00 P.M.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Musical and Welcome Program

Presented by:

**ST. MATTHEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Reverend W. D. Sims, Pastor

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix Gardner, Chairman

Sermon Dr. J. Roy Morrison
Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church, Orlando

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 A.M.

OPENING SESSION

Vice President At Large Young, Presiding

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

Devotional Period..... Brotherhood Ministry

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 2018 CONVENTION
HOST CHURCH & PASTOR**

*Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.
Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, Moderator*

Music..... Association Choir

Introductory Sermon Dr. Sam Maxwell, Pastor,
First Baptist Progress Village, Tampa

Alternate Reverend Dr. Greg Robinson
Revelation Community Baptist Church, Tampa

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 P.M.

ORTHODOXY HOUR

*Dr. Rollie Murray, Chairman/Presiding
Reverend A. Davis, Co-Chairman*

Prayer and Praise Period

2:10 p.m.

Orthodoxy Speaker

Reverend Eddie Hadley
Pastor, Pine Bloom M. B. Church, Greensboro

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2:30 -3:55 p.m.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
(Supplementary Program Provided)

3:55 p.m.ENROLLMENT & OFFERING

Sermon:Reverend Frank O’Harroll, Jr.
New Bethel M. B. Church, Winter Haven

Alternate:Reverend Alvin Britt
Pastor, St. Luke M. B. Church, Fleming Island, FL,
Moderator, Middle Florida and Clay Association

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT
Fourth Vice President Brian Brown, Presiding
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman

Devotional Period Deacons
First South FL Association

Selection Choirs of First South FL Association

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 Dr. Rayford Harper

Selections Choirs of First South FL Association

Sermon Dr. G. I. Bradley
Pastor, Providence M. B. Church, Palmetto

Alternate Dr. Frank O’Harroll, Sr.
Pastor, New Bethel M. B. Church, Winter Haven

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman
Reverend William Leonard, Presiding

Sermon Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner
New Mount Zion M. B. Church, Lakeland

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 A.M.

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

Dr. Sam Maxwell, Chairman/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

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

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

3:55 P.M..... Sermon
Reverend W. D. Sims
Pastor, St. Matthew M. B. Church, Tampa

Alternate
Reverend Dr. Robert Reese
St. John M. B. Church, Belle Glade

DINNER BREAK

7:00 P.M.

*Vice President At Large A. Young, Presiding
Moderator Reverend Otis Raines, Chairman*

THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT

Devotional Period..... Reverend Terrance D. Bulger
*Pastor, Greater Peace M. B. Church,
Ft. Walton Beach*

Reverend Obadiah White
Pastor, St. Mary M. B. Church, Jacob City

Offering..... Pastors of Second West Association
& Pastors of Progressive West Association

Moderators' Special Presentations

Sermon Moderator, Riley Henderson
Pastor, St. Luke M. B. Church, Marianna

Alternate Moderator Dr. Delwynn Williams
*Progressive West Florida Association
Pastor, St. John M. B. Church, Panama City*

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon Dr. Kenneth Maurice Davis
*Tabernacle M. B. Church
D'Iberville, Mississippi*

Thursday, March 21

9:30 A.M.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Reverend Clifton Dollison, Chairman

(Supplementary Program Provided)

Devotional Period

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

Enrollment and Offering

11:30. Closing Sermon

Reverend James Russ
Pastor, Greater Friendship, Panama City

Alternate
Reverend Tyrone Broadus
St. Mark M. B. Church, Flowersville

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LUNCH BREAK

2:30 P.M.

SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR

*Reverend W. D. Sims, Presiding
Reverend Kenneth Holly, Chairman*

(Supplementary Program Provided)

7:00 P.M.

Third Vice President J. J. Pierce, Presiding

MISSION EMPHASIS

Devotional Period..... Deacons of
Bethlehem M. B. Church

Music..... Choir of Bethlehem

SermonReverend James Wilson
Pastor, Bethlehem M. B. Church, DeLeon Springs

Alternate Reverend Darrell Davis
*Pastor, Mt. Pilgrim Evangelical M. B. Church,
St. Petersburg*

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

SermonDr. Kenneth Maurice Davis
*Tabernacle M. B. Church
D'Iberville, Mississippi*

Friday, March 22

9:00 A.M.

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

Devotional Period
Brotherhood Ministry

10:00 A.M.

Annual President's Hour

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

(Supplementary Program provided)

**Reports from the
Financial Committee**
Reverend Larry Roundtree, Treasurer

Announcements and Dismissal

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



Coming Soon

***“Challenged,
But Not Conquered”***

BOOK

By Lady Vanessa Banks



Lady Vanessa Banks
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECITAL

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2019
6:00 pm**



THANK YOU

**for attending the 105th Annual Session
of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State
Convention of Florida, Inc.**

