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The PROGRESSIVE

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



The President Speaks...

It is my great pleasure to welcome each officer, pastor, ministry Leader, and all delegates to the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention's 45th Annual Session of the State Congress of Christian Education! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, and soon coming King, Jesus Christ.

We are grateful that God

has allowed us once again to assemble in the "Theme Park Capital City" of Orlando, where this week we will devote our time to the study of God's Word to enrich our personal growth as believers, but to also to be further equipped to assist at our various churches in the work of the ministry.

Our theme for this session; "Experiencing the True Essence of God through Praise and Worship," indicates to me that we will have a spirit-filled session as we learn, and practice "True Praise and Worship" in our services after the daily class session and in our evening worship times.

I would like to extend special appreciation to First-Vice

President, Reverend Dr. H. D. Rucker, and the First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church family for accepting the challenge to host this 2019 congressional session. Also thank you Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator, and the First South Florida Association for your assistance in hosting us this year.

We are looking forward to dynamic teaching, and powerful preaching as we engage in our time of study this week and make; in the words of Psalm 100:1; "Make A Joyful Noise unto the Lord."

Enjoy your stay in Orlando and have a safe trip home.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*

**The 45th
Annual Session of the
Congress of Christian
Education**

THEME:
**"Experiencing the True Essence of God Through
Praise and Worship"**
Psalms 100 and John 4:24

HOSTED BY:
Reverend Dr. H. D. Rucker &
First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Sanford, Florida



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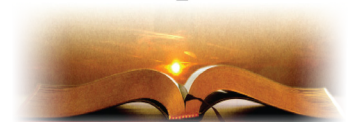
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It is with Jesus joy I greet you this day, and I take this time to thank all the Pastors and all the members for how you supported our President, and my husband, down through the years. I praise God for all of your efforts. Praise God for you. Just keep on keeping on. Progressive M & E, you are the greatest Convention, the greatest Congress, the greatest Youth, the greatest Christians this side of heaven. Great is thy faithfulness. God also gave me the greatest husband, the greatest children, the greatest grandchildren, and the greatest you, especially YOU. To God be the glory.

Thank you for your loyal support during the death of my son, Bartholomew, II. Thank you to my St. John family for all you do, the St. Paul family for all you do, and the Progressive M & E family for your untiring service. I shall never be able to thank God enough for my extended family and for my God-given family - daughters Kenya and Dr. Barmeithia, and my sons the late Bartholomew II and Rev. Dr. Barron. I also thank God for my drivers, God-sisters, and all the people working behind the scenes to make Lady Vanessa the person I am today. I am ever grateful to God for allowing me to have a Godly mother, the late Directress Elizabeth Rosier. Thank God for my husband who stands by my side through all of my illnesses and in health. Thank God for allowing my husband and I to celebrate 43 years of marriage.

To God be the Glory.

Lady Vanessa Banks



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)

SENIOR
WOMEN

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for all of His Grace and Mercy.

The Senior Women Ministry had a wonderful Annual Session as we gathered in love to fellowship in worshipping, Praise and Honor to our Mighty God. Thanks so very much for your attendance, enrollment, and love gifts. I love you for being who you are and always representing the Senior Women as Godly Women. We do what we do!

During the President's Hour, we were arrayed in pink to stand in solidarity to say to Cancer you may be called the Big C, but we know another C that's mighty and powerful. Our own President Emeritus Dr. Barbara Wright and Sister Dorothy Jenkins shared their testimony during the Luncheon. We were all inspired and had to agree that God can do anything but fail.

Progressive M&E Senior Women, thanks for the awesome job in hosting the 26th

Annual Session of the Field Missionaries' Conference, lead by Sister Cynthia Epps Lester, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Sister Lester did an outstanding job and we are grateful and thankful for her labor of love. Thank you so very much, Sister Lester. You continue to do the work of the Master in spite of all roadblocks that will be out in your path. Thanks to you Progressive for your ads for our Souvenir Booklet that is a Masterpiece. Thanks to all of you that attended. This conference was one of the best. To God Be The Glory.

We are eagerly anticipating the 1000 Women in White Meeting that will be held in St. Petersburg, at the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church hosted by the South Florida Association under the leadership of Moderator Brian K. Brown and Sister Ann Gordon, District President and Sister Dianne Speights as the local president. We pray that we will have 1000 women in attendance. President Bartholomew Banks will be bringing the message.

I am happy to report that the Senior Women Ministry made a contribution in gift cards to the sisters in the New Gulf Coast and the Progressive of West Florida Association

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that were impacted by Hurricane Michael and stepping up to the plate in May for the pantry at Simmons College. Thank you, Ladies.

As we gather in Orlando for the Annual State Congress, I pray that we come eager to study the Word of God. When we know better, we do better. We must know the Word in order to be an effective witness

Because of Calvary,

Sister Dorothy P. Davis, President
Senior Women's Ministry



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How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver (Proverbs 16:16).

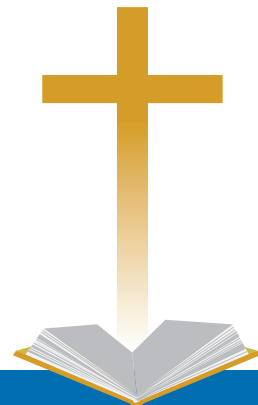
Greetings from the Deaconess Council Ministry,

As we meet for the 45th Annual Session for the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. Congress of Christian Education, we offer praises to God for this time of training, teaching and worshiping. We are excited about what Sister Ruth Johnson the Instructor for the Deaconess Council has in store for us as we begin studying from a new book *Deaconess Going Beyond The Communion Table*. According to Author Fran Jones, "the time has come for deaconesses to move from ceremony to service. In days gone by, the responsibility of the deaconess consisted basically of preparing the Communion element; getting female candidates properly attired for baptism and sitting in their white dresses and looking pious in the Communion service, that was yesterday. Yesterday was a day when women sat in silence in church and suffered in silence at home. Yesterday was a day when women agonized in painful solitude from mental emotional and physical abuse."

It is my prayer that you will join us during this time and share in this great study.

Sister Gerri McCallister

Council President



**ANNUAL STATE BROTHERHOOD
MARLVIN PHILLIPS UNITY DAY
& STATE DEACONESS COUNCIL
SUMMIT**

AUGUST 23-24, 2019 - Tampa, FL

HOST ASSOCIATION:

Gulf Coast Association
Rev. Paul Buster, Moderator,
Brother Robert Pride, Brotherhood President

HOST CHURCH:

Grace Mary MBC
3901 N. 37th Street
Tampa, FL 33610
(813) 248-3779

HOST HOTEL:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2807 E. Busch Blvd
Tampa, FL 33612
Phone: (813) 936-8200
Rates: \$99.99+tax per night
Deadline: July 23, 2019

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**DEACONESS
COUNCIL**



"Beloved, I wish above all things thou myest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth" 3 John 1:2

Greetings to you Progressive and visitors! We look forward to sharing with you during our 45th Annual Session of Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Congress of Christian Education. It is our hope that you will be strengthened in God's Words through teaching and worship.

The Heath Awareness Team will continue to discuss preventative measures among African Americans (AA), particularly with regard to those illnesses that are over represented in our community.

For example, African Americans may be at a higher risk for Alzheimer's in our communities and families.

The African American Alzheimer's Caregiver Training & Support Team will bring to us components of the condition and training of caregivers on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 9 a.m.

In His Service,

Cosette Whitmore, PhD, RN
Ministry President



SAVE - THE - DATE

September 21, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.
The 5th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
Place: The New Mt. Zion, Tampa

Sponsored by
Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention,
Health Awareness Team
and

The New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Health Awareness Team

Presenters:



Rev. Clifton E. Dollison
Pastor/Teacher

First Missionary Baptist Church
Winter Haven, Florida



Rev. Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr.
Pastor/Teacher/Preacher

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
Orlando, Florida

Please Note:

The First 20 Pastors/ Ministers
who register with the
conference will receive the book
with a study guide/Outline

PM&E 45TH ANNUAL SESSION CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION JULY 22-26, 2019

ANNUAL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Theme: "I Refuse to Lead a
Dying Church"*

By Paul Nixon

Conference Schedule

Tues 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Topics: **Choosing Life Over Death & Choosing Fun Over
Drudgery** Dr. R. Murray, Presenter

Wed 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Topics: **Choosing Community Over Isolation & Choosing
Bold over Mild** Re. C. E. Dollison, Presenter

Thurs 9:00a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

1st Class Period

Topic: **Choosing Frontier Over Fortress**
Dr. Murray, Presenter

2nd Class Period

Topic: **Choosing Now Rather Than Later**
Rev. C. E. Dollison, Presenter

Double Tree at Sea World,
101100 International, Dr. Orlando, Florida

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Monday, July 22

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 PeriodDeacons of United Fellowship Association

Selections United Fellowship Association Mass Choir

Sermon..... Dr. Jimmie Downing, Sr.
Moderator, United Fellowship Association

AlternateReverend Victor Ball
Pastor, Oak Hill, Tampa

Offering, Announcements and Adjourn

Tuesday, July 23

***** ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT DOUBLETREE AT SEA WORLD 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' DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Reverend Clifton E. Dollison, Chairman

Theme: "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church"
Topic: Choosing Life Over Death & Choosing Fun Over Drudgery
Dr. R. Murry, Presenter

BROTHERHOOD & MEN'S MINISTRY

Act Like Men - James McDonald
Deacon Keith Haygood, Instructor

WOMEN'S MINISTRY & MINISTERS' WIVES
"In Our Shoes" by Rachel Lovingood & Jennifer Landrith

Sister Marsha Tarver, Instructor

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SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"Gaining Wisdom...Praising His Name" NBCA

Sisters Dorothy Jenkins & Ola Wilson-Johnson,
Instructors

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

**"African Americans Caregivers of Alzheimer's
Training"**

Dr. Corsette Whitmore, Instructor

"A clinic is provided all week"

Dr. Robert L. Glueckauf,
Professor of Behavioral Science
Florida State University, Tallahassee

Reverend Frank Jenkins, North Florida
Recruitment Coordinator

MUSIC MINISTRY

"The Art of Devotional Praises"

This is a floating class

Minister Shon Fuller

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.**

Rev. Jimmie Downing, Jr., Instructor

9:50 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. SECOND CLASS
PERIOD

PASTORS' & MINISTERS' DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Topic: "Choosing Now Rather Than Later" Reverend
C. Dollison, Presenter*

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sermon:..... Reverend Jimmie Downing, Jr.
New St. Luke, Dundee

Alternate: Minister Shon Fuller
Greater New Jerusalem, Lakeland

"Choirs of both churches are asked to serve."

12:00 p.m. Offering, Announcements,
Adjourn for lunch

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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 - 2:20 p.m..... **Purpose**, "Why did God leave a
Church on Earth?"
Dr. Sam Maxwell,
First Baptist Progress Village, Tampa

OFFERING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 & Announcements

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

Rev. Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon: Reverend Jay Jackson
Mt. Olive, Lakeland

Wednesday, July 24

Rev. Dr. Samuel 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)



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The Health Care Ministry will have training
“African Americans Caregivers of Alzheimer’s
Training, Wednesday ONLY. 9:00 a.m. -9:45 a.m.

ACT 2

Dr. Robert L. Glueckauf, Professor of the
Department of Behavioral Science
Florida State University, Tallahassee

Reverend Frank Jenkins, North Florida
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Dr. Cosette Whitmore, Instructor

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Reverend Clifton E. Dollison, Chairman

**Topic: “Choosing Community Over Isolation &
choosing Bold over Mild”**

Reverend C. E. Dollison, Presenter

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 Announcements

2:30 - 3:10 p.m..... Session 4

**Vision, “Where are you Planning
to Lead God’s People?”**

Pastor Larry Roundtree,

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, III

4:15 - 4:30 p.m..... Reassemble, Offering,
Announcements and Adjourn for Dinner

7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING YOUTH DIRECTOR

Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown, Jr.

“Everyone is asked in advance to attend”

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LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon: Reverend Dr. Delwynn Williams
St. John, Panama City

Sermon:..... Reverend Leonard Wilson
St. Matthew, Sanford

Alternate: Reverend Rawlis Leslie
Mt. Moriah, Panama City

12:00 p.m. Offering, Announcements,
Adjourn for Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Dr. Sam Maxwell in charge

Thursday, July 25

Reverend Darrel Davis, Presiding

8:30 a.m.....Devotion: Brotherhood Ministry

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.....FIRST CLASS PERIOD

PASTORS' & MINISTERS' DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Reverend Clifton Dollison, Chairman

Topic: "Choosing Frontier Over Fortress"
Dr. R. Murray, Presenter

10:00 - 10:50 a.m..... SECOND CLASS
PERIOD

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

PASTORS' & MINISTERS' DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Topic: "Choosing Now Rather Than Later"
Reverend C. E. Dollison, Presenter

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.....GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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
New Bethel, Winter Haven &
Shiloh, Largo

Selections New Bethel & Shiloh Choirs

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

Alternate Reverend Willie McClendon
Shiloh, Largo

"Choirs and Ushers are asked to serve"

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LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Dr. Kendrix J. Gardner, Chairman

Sermon: Reverend Dwight Cockerham
Mt. Tabor, Marianna

Friday, July 26

Vice President At Large, A. L. Young, Presiding

9:00 a.m. Inspirational Devotion
Brotherhood Ministry

MUSICAL APPRECIATION
CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR

THE CONVENTION'S SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTATIONS

Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman
Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President

PRESENTATION OF OUR PRESIDENT
First Vice President, Dr. H. D. Rucker

OPENING OF SUMMER BOARD BUSINESS
SESSION

President Bartholomew Banks, Sr., Presiding

OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 45th ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

*"It is our prayer that you have a safe return trip
home."*



THANK YOU



**for attending the 45th
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Education.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOST

First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford, Florida
Dr. H. D. Rucker, Pastor

COMING SOON



“Challenged, But Not Conquered”

*A new book by
Lady Vanessa D. Banks*

*Please see her for additional
information.*

