

The PROGRESSIVE

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

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President



From the President

Greetings to each of you, and Welcome to the 51st Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated, Congress of Christian Education!

It is with a grateful heart and thanksgiving to the Almighty God, that we have been allowed to gather as a congress one more time in the city of Tampa, known as “the next great city,” the “Cigar City,” as well as the home of the “Buccaneers football team!”

Our Congress of Christian Education is the teaching arm of our convention, and we look forward each year for what God has given to our Congress Director, Dean, and instructors, for our time of study during the week of our congress. I want to personally thank our Director, Reverend Riley Henderson, our Dean, Dr. Jimmie Downing,

and all of our instructors for your diligent planning, preparation, and study in order that every student who attends will benefit from having been a student in the classes being offered.

I also want to give special appreciation to our Youth and Children’s Director, Elder Paul Buster, along with his officers and staff of instructors, for their labor of love in preparation for a successful session with our youth and children. We are looking forward with great anticipation for what God has given you for this year’s session, as we continue to keep our children close to God and away from what the world offers them.

Finally, special thanks to the Saint John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, where I am privileged to serve as pastor, for hosting this year, and to Reverend Dr. W. J. Haynes, and the host association, Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist

Association for this congress session. I pray that we have met the high standards set by our previous host and that you will find everything that we have done to be of great assistance to you as you spend time in Tampa this week.

Please enjoy your stay and I pray you will have a safe trip back to your homes.

*Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks,
President*



From the Director



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

Welcome to the beautiful city of Tampa, the third largest city in Florida, noted for the sunny weather. We pray that you are blessed while in this beautiful city.

This year, our theme is “Leadership Models and Strategies that Work” Jeremiah 3:15 NIV. God promised to give His people Under shepherds who will guide them with knowledge and understanding signifying a period of restoration and spiritual Leadership. This week, expect to receive wisdom and knowledge that one needs to live in God’s presence. A Special thanks to my Staff and the excellent Instructors who will impart knowledge this week to you.

First, I would like to thank President Banks, His Church Family, and his Convention Staff for working so diligently to help our State Congress to be successful.

Secondly, I would like to thank YOUTH/CHILDREN DIRECTOR of our State, Elder Paul Buster, and his staff for working extremely hard in getting the children to attend.

Lastly, I would like to thank and show appreciation to Pastor Keith Butler and the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church for allowing us to use their church. May God Bless!

Let us pray and ask our Lord for a wonderful fantastic and educational Session. Progressive M. & E. State Convention,

Reverend Riley Henderson

Director of State Congress of Christian Education





Deaconess Council

“Greetings to the Most Amazing Saints of God”

“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:4-7 KJV

It is with humbleness and gratefulness that I greet you during this awesome and magnificent Fellowship Season. It is our hope that you will enjoy all aspects of the Tampa Bay Area and will keep us on your spiritual radars.

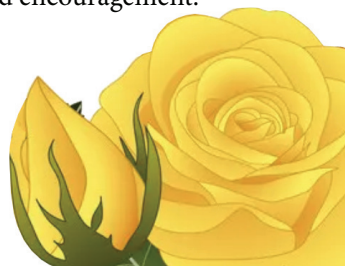
The State Deaconess Council is gravely and auspiciously serving on every opportunity afforded attempting to build the Kingdom of God. The Deaconess Council's Executive Board held a “Leadership Training” Session in St. Petersburg during our State Winter Board Session. We welcomed three New Deaconesses to our Council since Convention 2025.

We donated over 2000 items to the “One Heart for Women and Children Complex in Orlando as our Outreach Initiative during Convention 2025. Many thanks to Deaconess Brenda Davis-Chair, Deaconess Patricia Stewart, Deaconess Lillie Wright, and Deaconess Carolean Sanders for spearheading this Initiative.

We are graciously looking forward to our “Annual Brotherhood Unity Day & Deaconess Summit” to be held on August 21-23, 2025 in Lakeland, Florida and are thanking Moderator Jimmy Downing and his congregation for hosting. We are also looking forward to our PM&E Baptist State Convention Winter Board Session during December 2025. Lastly, we are looking forward to showering President Bartholomew Banks with an abundance of love for his tenure of twenty years. Grace and peace be with you.

We wish all of your future days be filled with strength, power, love, and encouragement.

Blessings Always,
Deaconess Clara Cobb, President
PM&E Baptist State Convention of Florida Inc.



Brotherhood Union Ministry



**Deacon Willie B.
Pollock, Jr.**

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” – II Timothy 2:15

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

I count it all joy to extend heartfelt greetings to our Progressive family, cherished visitors, and dear friends. My prayer is that your journey to the beautiful city of Tampa, Florida will be filled with unforgettable spiritual experiences. As we gather together, let us unite in worship, study, and fellowship—building one another up in faith and love.

It is with exuberance, profound respect, and brotherly love that I warmly greet you on this special occasion of The State Congress. What a blessed opportunity to come together in the presence of the Lord! As we immerse ourselves in the study of God’s Word this week, I pray we will grow deeper in our understanding of His will. Let us carry every lesson we learn back to our homes, families, and churches—becoming stronger ambassadors for Christ.

Reflections from Our Annual Session

Our Annual Session in March was a glorious time of fellowship, worship, and service. Through your generous contributions, we were able to collect \$800.00 in gift cards, which were distributed during our street witnessing efforts. This outreach not only touched lives in our community but served as a powerful testament to the love and compassion of our church family.

Additionally, we gathered lap blankets for every resident of a local nursing home. It was a true joy to bless these individuals, offering warmth and comfort through this simple, yet meaningful, act of kindness.

We are also pleased to announce that Bro. Trey Griffin of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Panama City was elected as the new Junior Brotherhood President. We are proud to welcome Bro. Griffin to the Brotherhood Ministry and look forward to

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the leadership and energy he will bring.

As we continue to grow in the knowledge of God and share the gospel through both our words and our actions, I encourage each of you to stay committed to the mission of Christ. Let us be diligent in rightly dividing the Word of Truth and faithfully living out its teachings in our everyday lives.

I am excited for the journey ahead and the opportunities we will have to serve, learn, and grow together. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly!

In Christ's Love,
Deacon Willie B. Pollock, Jr.
President, Brotherhood Ministry



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The 51st ANNUAL SESSION of the STATE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.,
General President
Rev. Riley Henderson
State Congress Director

hosted by:

**President Rev. Dr.
Bartholomew Banks, Sr.**
***St. John Progressive M. B.
Church***

2504 Chipco St., Tampa, FL 33605

Reverend Dr. Keith Butler
Mt. Olive M. B. Church
4008 E. Cayuga St., Tampa, FL 33610

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Association
Rev. Dr. Willie J. Haynes,
Moderator

July 21-24, 2025

Theme:
**“Leadership Models and
Strategies That Work”**
Jeremiah 3:15 NIV



Mission Encounter 2025



Theme:

*"Running the Race for Christ;
It's Tea Time"*

Theme Scripture:

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked
out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..."

Hebrews 12:1-2

Workshop

10:00 AM

*Attire:
Derby Style*

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\$20 Registration

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Worship Service

7:00 PM

*Attire:
Church Style*

Navy & Cream
\$20 WIA Offertory Appeal

Worship Service Guest Speaker

Rev Dr Clarence J Jenkins Jr.

*East Florida and Bethany Baptist Association Moderator
& Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church Family
Middleburg, Florida*

Sis. Sharla Cooley, Ministry Leader

Rev. Jay Jackson, Ministerial Advisor

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Convention President

W.I.A. Please support

*Jr. Women~Friday Night(Pink & Green)
&*

Sr. Women-Sunday(All White)



ALL SERVICES TO BE HELD AT:

St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church

485 Henry T. Rhim Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32202

PROGRESSIVE M&E YOUTH & CHILDREN WEEK-IN-GLANCE

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JULY 21

Time: 6PM -9PM
\$20.00 Per Person

Sneaker Ball

**St. John Progressive M.B. Church
Fellowship Hall**



Elizabeth Rosier Memorial Concert

Progressive M&E Baptist Convention

Youth & Children & Youth Usher

Attire: Jersey Day (Morning Session)

JULY 22

Time: 7:00PM

JULY 23

Director's Hour & Worship Hour Time: 6PM
Honoring: Moderator Paul M. Buster

State Congress Director's Hour- Time: 7:30PM
Rev. Riley J. Henderson

Attire: State T-Shirt Day (All Day)

State Youth President's Hour

Madam Yasmyne Rudolph

Time: 8:00AM- 10:00AM

JULY 24

Closing General Assembly Worship Service

President Rev. Dr, Bartholomew Banks, Sr

Time: 7:00PM

JULY 25

**Progressive's Take Over
Main Event**

MAIN EVENT

2839 Creek Grass Way, Lutz, FL 33559

Meeting Locations

July 21st, 7PM - OPENING NIGHT

Welcome Program

8:00 PM - Worship Service

St. John Progressive

M. B. Church

2504 E. Chipco Street

Tampa, FL 33605

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.,

Pastor

All Night Services

St. John Progressive

M. B. Church

Adults

Mt. Olive M. B. Church

4008 E. Cayuga St., Tampa, FL 33610

Rev. Dr. Keith Butler, Pastor

Children for Classes

St. John Progressive

M. B. Church

July 22nd

7 PM - Elizabeth Rosier Memorial

Concert

St. John Progressive

M. B. Church



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CLASSES:

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**PASTORS' & MINISTERS'
CONFERENCE**

Theme: "LEADERSHIP THAT WORKS"

BROTHERHOOD & MEN'S MINISTRY

BOOK: LEADER SHIFT

Rev. Dr. Keith Haygood, Instructor

MINISTERS' WIVES & MINISTERS' WIDOWS

BOOK: Sacred Privilege: Your Life and

Ministry as a Pastor's Wife

Lady Allie H. Biggs, President / Lady Jacqueline
Harper, Dean

DEACONESS COUNCIL MINISTRY

BOOK: THE RUTH ANOINTING

Sister Clara Cobb, President

Sister Ruth Johnson, Instructor

SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BOOK: UNDERSTANDING PURPOSE

Sister Dorothy Pond Davis, President

Sisters Dorothy Jenkins-Gage & Ola Wilson-
Johnson, Instructors

WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE AUXILIARY

JR. WOMEN AUXILIARY

BOOK: UNDERSTANDING PURPOSE

Sister Sharla Cobb Cooley - WIA, President

Sister Sonja Hanks-Camel - Jr. Women, President

Rev. Brian K. Brown/Rev. Jay Jackson, Instructors

HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Sister Delores Edwards, Vice President Health
Awareness Team

USHER'S MINISTRY

BOOK: CHURCH USHER

Bro. Curtis Wilson, President/Instructor

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July 21-24, 2025

Theme:

“LEADERSHIP MODELS AND STRATEGIES THAT WORK”

Jeremiah 3:15, NIV

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOSTS:

**St. John Progressive M. B Church,
Mt. Olive M. B. Church
and
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Association**

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Host Moderator: Rev. Dr. Willie J. Haynes
Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
Host Pastor: Reverend Dr. Keith Butler

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONGRESS

Rev. Riley Henderson, Presiding

Monday, July 21

8:00 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

HONORING DEAN JIMMIE DOWNING, SR.

Devotional Service Deacons of
*Greater New Jerusalem, Lakeland
St. Luke, Dundee*

Sermon.....Dean Jimmie Downing, Sr

AlternateReverend Jimmie Downing, Jr.
and St. Luke Church Family

Offering, Announcements and Adjourn

Choir and Ushers of both Churches Serving

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

(Monday - Wednesday Nights)

Reverend Alonzo McKenzie, Chairman

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Tuesday, July 22

9:00 a.m - 9:15 a.m.Devotional Period
Brotherhood Ministry

9:15 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.Overview
Dr. Leon Williams

9:45 A.M.

A.H. PARKER CLDC CONFERENCE

Theme: "Leadership_ That Works" - Jer. 3:15

JULY 22	JULY 23	JULY 24
9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.		
Session 1 Dr. Rollie Murray The Challenges of Leadership	Session 3 Dr. Leon Williams The Work of a Leader	Session 4 Rev. Eddie Hadley The Call of a Leader
10:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.		
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12 Noon - 1:15 p.m - LUNCH		
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.		
Session 2 Dr. Leon Williams The Work of a Leader	Session 3 Dr. Rollie Murray The Challenges of Leadership	Session 4 Rev. Eddie Hadley The Call of a Leader

7:00 P.M.

ELIZABETH ROSIER

MEMORIAL YOUTH/CHILDREN CONCERT

St. John Progressive M. B Church

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Wednesday, July 23

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.Devotion
Brotherhood Ministry

9:15 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.Healthcare Ministry
Sister Delores Edwards, Vice President in charge

Health Awareness Team Presentation
Sister Sharon Thompson-Ayers

10:25 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. A.H. PARKER CLDC
CONFERENCE
Dr. Leon Williams

SEE TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Offering, Announcements, Remarks

12:00 Noon - 1:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:15 p.m. -1:30 p.m..... Registration and Class
Instructions
Dean J. L. Downing, Sr.

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m..... CLASSES

SEE TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

6:00 P.M.

**DIRECTOR'S HOUR
HONORING ELDER PAUL BUSTER**

Youth/Children Director

(Supplemental program provided)

7:30 P.M.

**DIRECTOR'S HOUR
HONORING REV. RILEY
HENDERSON**

(Supplemental Program provided)

Thursday, July 24

Reverend Felix Cole, Third Vice Director, Presiding

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.....Devotion
Brotherhood Ministry

9:15 a.m.- 11:55 a.m. A.H. PARKER CLDC
CONFERENCE
Dr. Leon Williams

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Offering, Announcements, Remarks

Director Riley Henderson

Dean Dr. J. L. Downing, Sr.

Convention President Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

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*Reverend Aldredge Young, Vice President At Large,
Presiding*

Inspiration Devotion Brotherhood Ministry

Musical Appreciation..... Youth/Children Choir

**PROGRESSIVE M&E SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTATIONS**

Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman

Presentation of our State President

SERMON

Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
General President



OFFERTORY APPEAL

OFFERING

First Vice President, Dr. H.D. Rucker

Candidates Speak:

Reverend Brian K. Brown

Reverend Darrel Davis

Reverend Dr. J. Roy Morrison

Remarks and BenedictionDr. Bartholomew
Banks, Sr.

We would like to thank you for attending the
Congress of Christian Education.
Also, we pray that you have received knowledge this
week so you will be able to share
with your church family. Drive carefully home and
hoping to see you next year.

GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU!!

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