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

From the President



Greetings, and welcome to the 111th Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. How blessed we are to have been granted this golden opportunity to once again convene in the “The City Beautiful” Orlando, Florida! I am grateful to the almighty God who continuously sustains our great convention each year throughout our history as a convention! He is faithful and shows Progressive undeserved favor as we continue to do Kingdom Work!

Allow me to give special appreciation to Moderator, Dr.

Rayford Harper and the First South District Association for accepting to be our host association, and to Reverend Dr. J. Roy Morrison and the Mount Pleasant M. B. Church family for accepting the task of being our host Pastor and church. Your diligent planning to ensure our successful session this week will allow us to have a safe and enjoyable week in Orlando.

As we gather this week we are facing a new era with new challenges in our government, however, I am assured that we will be victorious in whatever battles we encounter because we are children of God and He in His sovereign power is yet in control of this world. I encourage you to keep your focus on the “God of our weary years, the God of our silent tears, the one who has brought us thus far on our way!” He will do what he has promised and has done all these years, take care of us, “His People!”

As we have come together this week, let us celebrate the goodness of God as we worship and praise him, and as we hear the preached word, and the teaching that will surely be spiritually encouraging to each of us.

Welcome to all our visiting brothers and sisters who have chosen to share this session with us. I pray that your visit will be rewarding and that you were recipients of the gracious Progressive hospitality throughout the time you spent with us.

I pray each of you will have a safe trip back to your various cities and homes, and that you will find all things well when you arrive!

***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 49 years. We thank Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. J. R. Morrison, Pastor, and First South Florida Missionary Baptist District Association, Inc., Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator, for hosting this 111th 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.

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!**





Greetings From the Host Pastor

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

We wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to President Bartholomew Banks, Sr., and the Parent Body of our 'grand ole' convention, the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated, on the occasion of this **111th Annual Session**, convening in **The City Beautiful, Orlando, Florida**.

Furthermore, we warmly welcome the official cabinet, association moderators, all pastors, clergy, auxiliary leaders, churches, delegates, and messengers as you converge upon our city for this historic gathering, which will include the fellowship of the saints, a focus on missions, and the fragrance of worship that will leave a sweet aroma in the nostrils of our Lord.

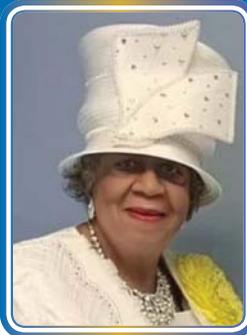
Orlando is known as the Amusement Capital of the World and one of America's "Top 100" places to live. With nearly 60 million travelers passing through the Orlando International Airport during the past year, we are distinctively the travel destination of choice for groups of all kinds, families, and individuals of all ages. We strongly encourage you to enjoy our city's many entertainment venues and to make your visit here one filled with lasting memories and unforgettable experiences.

While most noted as a city of recreation, rest, and relaxation, Orlando is equally rich in its Afrocentricism and religious heritage. For this reason, your presence and purpose here this week are indeed a blessing to our city, county, and the Central Florida religious community at large as you promote the Kingdom of Christ and transform people's lives through your Christian witness.

In conclusion, on behalf of Orlando Mayor; Buddy Dyer and Orange County Mayor; Jerry Demings, the citizenry of our city, the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Orlando, the host committee, myself, and my wife Lady 'T', I say **Welcome to Orlando!** May your stay be blessed, May your return travel be safe, and May our God be glorified through it all. **Charis & Shalom!**

Sure of Eternal Life,
Dr. J. Roy Morrison
2025 Host Pastor





Senior Women's Ministry

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. He gives us new mercies every day. 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 what your age or circumstance there is still something you can do. We are looking forward to our gathering once again at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, at the entrance of Universal Orlando, FL. Yes, we will gather 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.

The Psalmist declared in Psalm 133:1 - "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" It is always a joy to see our brothers and sisters from over the state of Florida. During this time, 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 who have supported the Senior Women Ministry this past year and we look forward to your support in the coming months. In May we will again celebrate our Mission Sisters, our 80 plus-year-old Octogenarian. Also, in May we are planning to travel to Tupelo, MS to the National Field Missionaries' Conference. Florida was the host last year and Mission sisters and brothers came to support us from near far. In August we look forward to the 1000 Women in White Mission Weekend hosted by East Florida and Bethany M. B. Association, Jacksonville, FL, Rev. Clifford Johnson is Moderator and Host Pastor.

Thank you for your presence and financial report for Florida Memorial University Donation Day at Miami Gardens. Please make plans to be in attendance again this year, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Lastly, thank you for your overwhelming generosity towards Helene and Milton Hurricane Relief efforts. Slowly, but surely, we are returning, 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.





USHERS MINISTRY

Greetings and Peace to each of you, who have come to share in this our 72nd 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.

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 past 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."

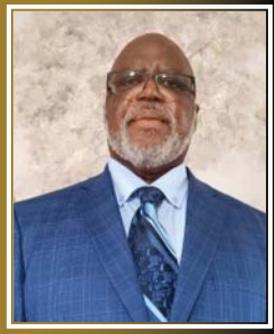
To God Be the Glory,

Deacon Curtis A. Wilson
Ministry President

Called *to* *Serve*



Brotherhood News



Greetings to you in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we gather for the 111th session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated, I reflected on the fact that we have so very much for which to be thankful for. God has truly blessed us through the years.

I count it all joy to have the opportunity to fellowship with you again. We recognize that it is only because of your commitment and God's grace that we have made it through another year, and are still standing strong, and growing both spiritually and in numbers.

I am humbled to have serviced this past year and excited about what God has for the Brotherhood Ministry in the future. I thank God for the support and prayers of each of you in this transition year and ask for your continued prayers. I am also grateful for the continued guidance of our past presidents Bro. Wayne Herring, NBCA Brotherhood President and our Ministry Advisor Rev. Dr. Keith Haygood, Pastor of Highland Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa. I am thankful for my leadership team for their support and each of my brothers in this ministry.

We have come this week with a purpose and our purpose is fourfold (1) to deepen the spirituality of men, (2) to promote religious intelligence, (3) to cultivate Christian fellowship, and (4) to win the lost to Christ.

Our prayer is that you will join in with us, pray for us, and support us as we continue to do the Lord's work. Ask the Lord to give us the power to stand out as a follower of Jesus Christ." Stir us, don't let us become stagnant. Don't



let us live on yesterday's grace and yesterday's victory. Stir the compassion in our hearts. And as we depart this place, may we be motivated to spread your Word and Gospel to all the earth, knowing that it is the only hope of men lost in their sins. Let us not hold out a false hope for men to be saved without the Gospel but instead endeavor to do our part to get the Gospel out to a lost and dying world.

Let's make 2025 the most prosperous year of loving, sharing and caring....TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

President Willie B. Pollock, Jr.
Brotherhood Ministry



The 111th Annual Session

Theme:

"The Church: Separated, Spiritual, Sanctified, and Secure"

SEPERATED: II Corinthians 6:11-18;
II Timothy 2:20-21; II John 9-11

SPIRITUAL: Romans 8:1-10; 1-10;
I Corinthians 2:9-16

SANCTIFIED: Exodus 19:10,14; Leviticus 21:8; St. John 17:17; Acts 26:17; Romans 15:16

SECURE: Romans 8:35-39; I Corinthians 3:5-23



JUNIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY



I am excited to welcome you to our 2025 Annual Session for the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of FL. Inc. We give praises and thanks unto God for this great privilege to come together in love and unity, face to face in the great city of Orlando, FL.

As we prepare to fellowship together let us continue to stay prayerful and look to God for guidance as we continue to do the work of the Kingdom. our primary mission. I look forward to seeing each of my sisters in Christ at this Annual Session!

YOURS IN CHRIST, SIS. SONJA HANKS, JWA PRESIDENT



PROGRESSIVE
Missionary & Educational
Baptist Convention of FL



Convention
President
**BARTHOLOMEW
BANKS, SR.**

9am

**SATURDAY
MARCH 15**

Evangelistic
Outreach



with Zion Hill MBC
1110 Drew Avenue
Orlando, FL 32805
Pastor CE Williams, Jr.

LATE NIGHT WORSHIP

2025

TUES & WED
9AM Devotional

MON



Pastor Delwynn
G. WILLIAMS

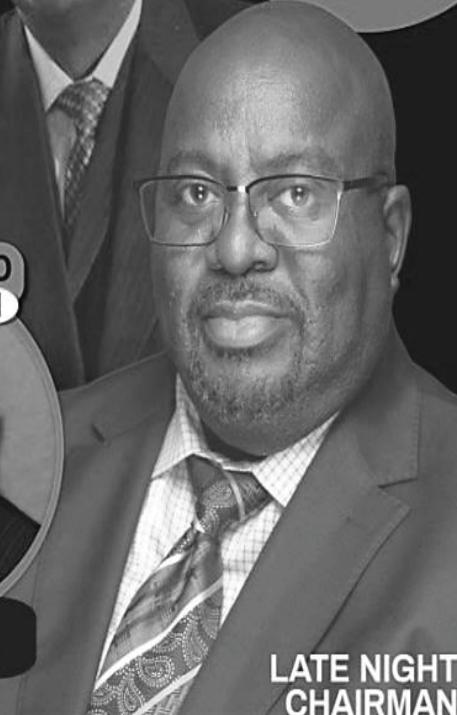
TUES



Pastor Alandus
D. SIMS



Dr. John W.
McKENZIE



LATE NIGHT
CHAIRMAN

Pastor
Alanzo C. McKenzie
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

NIGHTLY
Following 7PM Service

111TH ANNUAL SESSION

MARCH 17-19

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The 111th Annual Session



March 17-20, 2025

Theme:

“The Church: Separated, Spiritual, Sanctified, and Secure”

SEPERATED: II Corinthians 6:11-18;
II Timothy 2:20-21; II John 9-11

SPIRITUAL: Romans 8:1-10; 1-10;
I Corinthians 2:9-16

SANCTIFIED: Exodus 19:10,14; Leviticus 21:8;
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SECURE: Romans 8:35-39; I Corinthians 3:5-23

Hosted by

**FIRST SOUTH FLORIDA MISSIONARY
BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, INC.
Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator**

and

**MT. PLEASANT MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Reverend Dr. J. R. Morrison, Pastor
Orlando, FL**

Monday, March 17

1:30 P.M.

OPENING SESSION

4th Vice-President, Dr. Gary McNealy, Presiding

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

THEME SPEAKER Reverend L.F. Camel, Pastor
*Mt. Calvary B. Church, Belle Glade, FL
& Bethel M. B. Church, Okeechobee, FL*

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

Call to Order President Dr. Bartholomew Banks

Health Care Presentation Dr. Cosette Whitmore

Partner Presentations..... Various Partners
(3 minutes please)

Memorial Moments

– Presentation of 2026 Candidates for President of
Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention –

Directions for Enrollment Rev. Larry Roundtree

Offertory Appeal (First Offering)

The 111th Annual Session

Presentation of the 2024 Convention Hosted by
Progressive M.B. District Association of West
Florida Inc.

Reverend Delwynn G. Williams, Moderator
St. John M. B. Church, Panama City, FL

The Music Department..... Reverend Delwynn G.
Williams

Introductory Sermon Reverend Edwin Stallworth
*Pastor, Everlena Missionary Baptist Church
Crestview, FL*

Alternate Reverend Dr. Donald Woods
*Pastor, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
Flowerview, FL*

Offertory Appeal..... Reverend Larry Roundtree
*Pastor, New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist
Church, Tampa, FL*

Convention Meetings Overview

President's Observation President Banks, Sr.

DINNER BREAK



7:00 P.M.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

3rd Vice President Reverend Brian Brown, Presiding

Musical and Welcome Program

Presented by:

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church,
Orlando, FL

Reverend Dr. J. Roy Morrison, Pastor

8:00 P.M.

SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR

(Supplementary Program Provided)

Dr. G. B. Robinson, Commission Chairman
Reverend Ron Shipp, Vice Chairman
Reverend Dr. Kenneth Holley, Chairman Emeritus

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 A.M.

MISSION EMPHASIS

2nd Vice President Reverend W. D. Sims, Presiding

Inspirational Singing..... Music Department
Reverend Delwynn Williams

The 111th Annual Session

9:00 – 9:55 AM.....Devotional Moments

Lecturer..... Reverend Dr. John W. McKenzie

Music.....Reverend Delwynn Williams

SERMONReverend James Wilson, Pastor
*Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
De Leon Springs, FL*

Alternate Moderator Reverend Otis Raines
Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, Sanford, FL

Invitation to Discipleship Moderator
Reverend Otis Raines

Enrollment/Offertory AppealReverend Larry
Roundtree

President Observation Reverend
Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 - 3:50 P.M.

ORTHODOXY HOUR

*Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr., Orthodoxy Chairman
Dr. Andrew L. Davis, Orthodoxy Vice-Chairman*

Pastor Leon Williams

*St. John First MB Church, Ft. Myers, FL
The Church: "Spiritual."*

Pastor Willie C. Barnes

*Macedonia Miss. Baptist Church, Eatonville, FL
The Church: "Sanctified."*

Pastor Gary McNealy

*Greater Friendship Bapt. Church, Clewiston, FL
The Church: "Secure."*

Pastor Rollie Murray, Jr.

*Bethel Miss. Baptist Church, Orlando, FL
The Church: "Separated."*

1:30 PM

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

Devotional Period Chairman Murray

2:00 PMOrthodoxy Speaker

Reverend Marcus Smith, *Pastor
Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Greta, FL*

3:55 P.M.

SERMONReverend Arnold Cotton, *Pastor
Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Geneva, FL*

Alternate Reverend L. J. Wilson
*Pastor, St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church
Sanford, FL*

Offertory Appeal..... Reverend Larry Roundtree

Remarks and Benediction Reverend
Arnold Cotton

DINNER BREAK

The 111th Annual Session

7:00 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS NIGHT

*Fourth Vice President Brian Brown, Presiding
Moderator, Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper, Chairman*

Selection.....Union Foreign District Association

Invocation..... Reverend Dr. Willie C. Barnes
*Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
Eatonville, FL*

Welcome Reverend Dr. Rollie Murray, Jr.
*Pastor, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Orlando, FL*

Greetings..... Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.
*President, Progressive M & E Baptist
State Convention of FL, Inc.*

*Mr. William McCormick
President, Florida Memorial University*

*Reverend Dr. Frank O'Harroll
President, Florida Theological Seminary
& Bible College Inc.
Moderator Union Foreign District Association*

Selection.....Union Foreign Association Choir

Offertory Appeal..... Reverend Dr. Rayford Harper
Moderator, First South Florida District Association

Offering..... Reverend Larry Roundtree, II

Selections.....Union Foreign District Association

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE Reverend Dr. Julius
Wynn
*Pastor, Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
St. Petersburg, FL
Union Foreign District Association*

Invitation to Discipleship Reverend Konrad
McCree
*Pastor, St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church
Clearwater, FL*

Words of Appreciation..... Moderator, Reverend Dr.
Rayford Harper

Presidential Observations Dr. Bartholomew
Banks, Sr., President

LATE NIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, March 19

Thursday, March 20

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Reverend Clifton Dollison, Chairman

9:00 – 9:55 AM Devotional Moments

Lecturer..... Reverend Dr. John W. McKenzie

The 111th Annual Session

10:00 A.M.

Theme: Caring For People God's Way

Theme Verse:

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. 1 Thess. 5:14

"MANAGING EMOTIONS"

Reverend Dr. Leon Williams
St. John FMBC, Ft. Myers FL

"THE IMPORTANCE OF FORGIVENESS"

Reverend Todd Hammond
First Baptist of Progress Village, Tampa FL

"PRAYER FOR THE SICK"

Reverend Dr. Rollie Murray
Bethel MBC, Orlando, FL

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 - 3:50 P.M.

WEDNESDAY SERMON

3:55 P.M. Reverend Dr. Victor Ball
Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa, FL

THURSDAY SERMON

3:55 P.M. Reverend Alvin Britt
*Pastor, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
Fleming Island, FL*

Remarks and

Benediction Chairman C. E. Dollison

Wednesday, March 19

7:00 P.M.

THE MODERATOR'S NIGHT

*Vice President At-Large,
Reverend Aldredge Young/Presiding
Moderator Reverend Otis Raines, Chairman*

Inspirational Singing The Music Department
Reverend Delwynn Williams

Selection Christian Fellowship

Devotional Period Brotherhood Ministry

Annual Address Chairman of Moderators,
Reverend Otis Raines

- OFFERTORY PLEA -

Offering

MODERATORS' SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of
the Speaker/Alternate Reverend Brian Brown
*Moderator, South Florida M. B. Association
Pastor, Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church
St. Petersburg, FL*

Selection Christian Fellowship

The 111th Annual Session

SERMON Reverend Paul Buster
*Moderator, Gulf Coast Missionary Baptist
Association
Pastor Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church,
Tampa, FL*

Invitation to
Christian Discipleship Reverend Brian
K. Brown

Presidential Observations Reverend Dr.
Bartholomew Banks, Sr.

LATE NIGHT SERVICE



Thursday, March 20

7:00 P.M.

*General
President's Hour*

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

(Supplementary Program Provided)

*All Vice Presidents, Moderators and Pastors are
asked in advance to give a \$300.00 love offering.
All convention Ministry Leaders and Staff are
asked to give a \$100.00 love offering.*



THANK YOU



for attending the

111th Annual Session

of the Progressive Missionary
& Educational Baptist State
Convention of Florida, Inc.