

**TBD St. John CLS and BTU Conference: TBA, 6:30 p.m.**  
Cancelled Flock Around the Block 5K Walk/Run in support of Hernando Interfaith: Hernando Square  
Cancelled North MS Ministerial Association/Mid-South Churches Revival: New Fellowship, 7 p.m.  
**Cancelled SSPB Southwest 1 Regional Conference: Meridian**  
TBD Walls Institute (WI) & W.I. of Christian Education CLS: Antioch-Walls  
**Cancelled National Baptist Congress: Kansas City, MO**  
**July 20-24 Hammond Hill Congress: The Hill-Hernando/New Bethany**  
**July 27-30 Sardis Northeast Congress: Liberty-Coldwater**  
August 8 Mid-Year Session/Sunday School and Living the Baptist Faith Workshop: Mt. Olive-Horn Lake, 9:00 am  
September 7-10 National Baptist Convention: St. George County, MD  
September 26 Women's District #2 Salad Fiesta: The Hill-Hernando, 6 p.m.  
December 5 Hammond Hill Congress Prayer Breakfast: The Hill-Hernando, 9 am  
**November 29-December 2 Sunday School Publishing Board Conference: Nashville**  
January 11-14 NBCUSA Mid-Winter Board Meeting: TBA.  
January 30 Super Tax Day Free Income Tax Preparation Kick-off: The Hill-Hernando, 9 am  
**February 6/(13 snow date) Regional Teachers'/VBS Workshop: TBA**  
**March 6 Doing the Soul Work and Living My Best Life! A Women and Girls Conference 2021, 8:30 am**  
March 15-19 North Mississippi High Schools' Spring Break  
**March 22-26 Mid-South Churches Annual Session: The Hill-Hernando**

### Representation Schedule

*For churches not paying annual or quarterly support*

**Note: It costs the Congress approximately \$40.00 per person to fund our annual budget.**

Associations \$400 and above  
Founders Circle \$300 and above  
Regular Representation \$200  
All Other Representations \$199 or less  
A registration fee of \$25.00 will be required of class participants who are not a member of a representing church. *Make all checks payable to Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference.*

### Suggested Individual Registration Fees and Offerings

Officers, Board Members, and Pastors	\$25.00
Local Sunday School Superintendents	\$10.00
Teachers (non-officer/pastor/board member)	\$10.00
Delegates, Annual Members & Associate Ministers	\$ 5.00
President's Challenge Contribution	\$25.00
Congress Rally	\$15.00
Youth Rally Offering	\$10.00

*(Note: You may wish to join the President and the Dean in paying all three offerings, a total of \$50.)*

# Program Guide 2020

*Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference*

*Baptist State Convention*

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## The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Session The 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the State Congress of Christian Education May 4-7, 2020

2017-2020

- Voice
- Integrity
- Salvation
- Instruction
- Opportunity
- Neighboring



Habakkuk 2:2, ESV

## Meeting Virtually

[www.midsouthchurches.com/schedule](http://www.midsouthchurches.com/schedule)

**National Theme: "Glorifying God through Our Commitment to Christ Centered Evangelism"**

**(Acts 14:21; Matthew 9:35; Romans 1:16; John 14:6)**

**2020 State Theme: "V.I.S.I.O.N."**

**(Habakkuk 2.2b, Jeremiah 29.11; 1 Corinthians 2.9)**

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Ms. Loretta Henderson Miller, State Dir. of Christian Education

Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes, State Dean

## Official Roster

Dr. Michael O. Minor, President  
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Pastor Robert Ruth, Director General

### A Women and Girls Conference Team

Ms. Lottie Minor, Co-Chair	Ms. Sandra Miller
Ms. Lashonda McBride, Co-Chair	Evang. Clara Montgomery
Ms. Bettina Campbell, Co-Chair	Ms. Cametra Ruth
Ms. Jacqueline Bain	Min. Gloria Tate
Ms. Linda Rayborn Carter	Ms. Tara Tate
Ms. Shontia Carter	Ms. Doretha Knox
Ms. Tasha Heard	Ms. Lois Tipton-Curry
Ms. Deborah Marshall	Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes

### District Associations and Christian Leadership Schools

#### St. John St. John CLS and BTU Conference

Pastor Grady McKinney, Moderator Ms. Christy McKinney, Dean

#### Walls Institute of Christian Education CLS

Dr. JeVon Marshall, Dean

#### Pastor Ronald Taylor, Sr. Clergy Institute

Pastor Dorothy Jones, Dean

#### Sister Gemenie Bowdre Lifelong Learning Institute

Ms. Mattie Stokes, Dean

## National and Regional Roster

### National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated

Dr. Jerry Young, President Dr. Alvin Edwards, General Secretary  
Dr. Melvin Owens, Vice-President, Southwest Region

### National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

Dr. Elliott Cuff, President Dr. Carl Washington, Jr., Dean  
Ms. Monica Mickle, General Secretary  
Dr. Leo D. Cyrus, Sr., Vice President, Southwest Region

### Sunday School Publishing Board

Dr. Derrick Jackson, Executive Director  
Rev. Eric Williams, Associate Director-Church Ministries  
Dr. Michael O. Minor, Coordinator, Southwest Region 1

## Courses, Workshops, and Seminars (continued)

### **\*\*9024 Congregational Leadership in the 21st Century: Learning to Lead like Jesus Part 2 - Dr. Michael O. Minor, The Hill-Hernando**

In this course, students will learn to lead like Jesus by applying the principles of Jesus teachings in Matthew 9.35-38 and John 10.1-18. Participants will also learn how to adapt leadership principles from the *Leadership Challenge* to improve their Christian leadership approaches.

### **\*\*S806B Finding the Right Balance – Pastor Bernard Montgomery, New Bethany**

Whether we're young, old, or somewhere in between, we often find difficulty in finding the right balance in lives. This is even more true in this time of COVID-19 "lockdown." We'll discover ways to find that right balance. Participants will also receive information about the National Institute of Health's *All of Us* Research Program training.

### **\*\*New Course for 2020**

### Annual Awards and Recognition Opportunities

**Attendance Awards.** The top five participating churches are given awards for overall attendance, youth, and seniors.

**Deacon Dan Robinson Leadership Award** recognizes one or more Christian educators from member churches or supporting entities for outstanding service for the cause of Christian education. The award is named after the first president of the State Congress, who was also a faithful deacon at New Hope-Walls.

**Minister Lena Dean-Bond Lady Leader of the Year Award.** One lady leader of a representing church who exhibits the following qualities:

- Demonstrated faithful commitment to the development of her ministry;
- Exhibits the characteristics of a mentor of women in ministry;
- Exemplifies qualities of gifted leadership and redemptive service;
- Maintains an active role in the ministry of her local church;
- Displays support for the vision, mission, and goals of Mid-South Churches State Convention.

The award is named after the first vice-president-at-large of our State Convention. She was also the first woman to serve in such a position among Mississippi National Baptist State Conventions.

### Christian Education Team

Ms. Loretta Henderson Miller, State Director  
Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes, State Congress Dean and Assistant State Director  
Associate Deans: Pastor Dorothy Jones and Dr. JeVon Marshall  
Pastor Glen Newson, Children and Youth Director  
Ms. Annette Dunbar, Classification Secretary

### Music and Worship Arts Team

Mr. Paul McClough, Jr., Devotional Leader  
Ms. Victoria Dandridge, Musician  
Ms. Markisha Hudson, Dance & Movement Director  
Ms. Lois Tipton-Curry, Performance Arts Director

## Courses, Workshops, and Seminars

### Pre-Session Seminars

#### **\*\*S805 Ministering to the Families of the Deceased - Pastor Darnell Tate, Free Grace**

This course is designed to assist persons involved in grief-counseling ministries. Students will be involved in practical exercises designed to strengthen grief-counseling skills. The course will cover crisis-ministry techniques to meet needs that become apparent both before and after the death event.

### Session Seminars

#### **\*\*S809 Finding Safety in Life's Storm - Pastor Callaway Bain, Mt. Olive-Horn Lake**

This timely seminar explores how Christians can gain strength when facing difficulties, trials, and struggles.

#### **\*\*S808 Overcoming Obstacles - Ms. Cathy Garrett, Ebenezer**

In this interactive seminar, participants will learn how to overcome obstacles in their lives. Based on the Epistle of James, this seminar will focus on overcoming 15 obstacles including doubt, ambition, deception, unanswered prayer, and sickness.

### Sessions to be Hosted Later

#### **7006 Evangelism from an African American Perspective - Minister Geraldine Gray, Pleasant Hill; Minister Cornelia Jones, Antioch-Walls**

Evangelism is one of those ministries that is misunderstood yet is needed for church growth. The church must continue to develop and evolve as our congregations change and restructure. This course utilizes several models of evangelism from an African American perspective to develop a specific evangelistic style for the congregation.

#### **W205 Expressions of Worship in Dance Workshop - Ms. Markisha Hudson, The Hill-Hernando; Ms. LaTajah Williams, Dean Hill; Ms. Annastasia Miller, Second Baptist-Hernando**

How can we be creative in worship without being worldly? Gospel dance, as praise dance, grew out of the African American church. Gospel dance is dramatic and theatrical; it uses elements of the theater such as miming. This workshop is open to all ages but especially to youth and young adults ages 13-21. During interactive sessions, participants will focus on the Biblical basis for music in the church and liturgical (praise) dance as well as learn creative ways to perform.

#### **W310 Children's Workshop and W320 iROCK: Youth Workshop - Pastor Glen Newson, Greater Lake Cormorant; Evang. Marsha Campbell, Shiloh; Ms. Emma Oliver, Antioch-Walls; Team Hernando Head Start**

How do children and youth learn to rely on Christ in every aspect of their lives? The goal of this class is to provide the students with vital tips and tools on how they "can rely on Christ the King" as their protector, provider and priest through their words and action. In this interactive workshop, they will be introduced to techniques of holding true to Jesus Christ through various teaching strategies.

## Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention

### From the President's Desk

May 2020

Greetings in the name of our risen Savior! Your Mid-South Churches Leadership Team thanks you for your continuous support and prayers since last year's session. What a blessed time of information and inspiration during our 69<sup>th</sup> Session. Now, we excitedly look forward to our 2020 combined sessions of our State Convention, Congress, and Affiliates.

We had planned to host our 70<sup>th</sup> Congress and 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Session March 16-20, 2020, at *The Hill*-Hernando Baptist Church Family. However, we know that the COVID-19 pandemic altered our plans. We are thankful for technology to allow us to meet this week virtually. Reflecting on our convention's seven-year theme 2020-2026, this year's state theme is "V.I.S.I.O.N. 2020" (Habakkuk 2.2b, Jeremiah 29.11; 1 Corinthians 2.9).

Our State Congress Dean Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes and her team had prepared a spirit-filled, thought provoking set of courses, seminars, and workshops. However, to adjust to this virtual platform, we will only have two courses this week with plans for the rest later. See the back of this program guide for the dates of additional Christian education opportunities or visit our regional calendar at [www.midsouthchurches.com/calendar](http://www.midsouthchurches.com/calendar).

We also want to thank each of you for making our Convention's second "A Women's and Girl's Health Awareness Conference: "There's a Calling on My Life: Learning to Walk on Your Anointing" (John 15.16) a tremendous success on Saturday, March 7. We had nearly 200 attendees! Our Convention's First Lady-Lady Lottie Minor, Lady Shondra McBride, and Ms. Bettina Campbell did an outstanding job. We look forward to next year.

In closing, we thank God for each of you and your generous support during this time of pandemic. Let's catch our Convention's 2020-2026 vision.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

**Dr. Michael O. Minor**  
**Your President**

## Monday, May 4, 2020

### Opening Night

11:00 am – 12:45 p.m. Morning Class Period 1

6:00 p.m.

House Called to Order:

President Michael O. Minor

Devotional Period

Constitutional Amendments

Greetings

**Congress Thematic Message:**

**Minister Frederick Dunbar, Pleasant Hill  
(Jeremiah 29.11)**

Dean's Observations:

Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes

Community Updates

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Evening Class Period 1

## Tuesday, May 5, 2020

### Community Night

11:00 am – 12:45 p.m. Morning Class Period 2

6:00 p.m.

House Called to Order: Vice-President-at-

Large Bernard Montgomery

Devotional Period

Business Period: Appointment of Committees

**Sermon: Pastor Leroy Williams**

**First Baptist-Helena, AR**

Dean's Observations

Community Updates

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Class Period 2

## Wednesday, May 6, 2020

### Women's Night

11:00 am – 12:45 p.m. Morning Class Period 3

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. House Called to Order:

Co-Chair Ms. Lottie Minor

Devotional Period

**Message: Minister Gloria Tate, Free Grace-  
Tunica (1 Corinthians 2.9)**

Dean's Observations

Community Updates

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Class Period 3

## Thursday, May 7, 2020

### President's Night

11:00 am – 12:45 p.m. Morning Class Period 4

6:00 p.m.

House Called to Order: Vice-President-at-

Large Montgomery

Devotional Period

Introduction of the President: Ms. Sandra Miller

Song of Praise: The Hill Voices

**President Minor's Eleventh Annual  
Address (Habakkuk 2.2b)**

Song of Praise: The Hill Voices

Presentation of President's Love Offering:

Dean's Observations

Community Updates

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Class Period 4

## Friday, May 8, 2020

11:00 am – Noon

Congress Board Meeting

Official Closing of the 70<sup>th</sup> Congress and 8<sup>th</sup>

Parent Body Annual Session

Closing Prayer and Benediction

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