



GENERATIONS:

NOW & NEXT

FALL SESSION 2022

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2022 GULFPORT, MS

REV. REGINALD M. BUCKLEY PRESIDENT, GMBSC OF MS
REV. DENNIS M. GRANT, GENERAL SECRETARY



Greetings brothers and sisters of GMBSC and welcome to the Pastors', Ministers' and Minister Wives' Conference.

As we are shifting the focus of our fall session to specifically minister to you, I pray that you will find our time together to be fruitful in helping you to make full proof of your ministry and calling. You will notice that this conference is not a preaching conference. It is intended to be much more of a relational experience with greater attention given to touching necessary areas and topics that are pertinent to carrying out the role of pastor, minister, and the minister's wife. My prayer is that our brief time together in this new format will be uplifting, engaging, and renewing as God ministers through our facilitators and the scheduled activities. Welcome to this new conference and to our future as we discuss Generations: Now and Next.

In His service and yours,

Rev. Reginald M. Buckley
President



GMBSC FALL 2022 SESSION

Morning Star Baptist Church
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Gulfport, MS 39501

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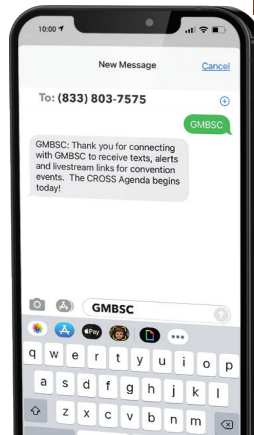
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Focus: Church Leaders, Workers and Educators



ANNUAL SESSION JULY 17-20, 2023

Focus: Parent Body, Congress of Christian Education,
and GMBSC Students

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OUR VISION

Our vision is to impact our local communities, our state, our nation, and the world through pastoral and lay leadership development training as well as through the proclamation and performance of the Gospel in such fashion that sinners will be evangelized, saints will be edified, and the Savior will be exalted.

PURPOSE

The Purpose of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention is to provide a state-wide organization through which Missionary Baptist churches can collectively participate and promote: evangelism, discipleship, Christian Education, missions, ministries, social services and any other objective that the Convention may consider to be appropriate and desirable. Furthermore, the purpose of this Convention is to empower and equip pastors, preachers, and local congregations to maximize their individual potential for engaging in effective ministry.

THE GMBSC IMPACT

The General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and its Home Missions reaches 38 counties across the state.

● DELTA REGION COUNTIES

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Carroll	Issaquena	Washington
Grenada	Sharkey	Yazoo
Holmes	Sunflower	

● RIVER REGION COUNTIES

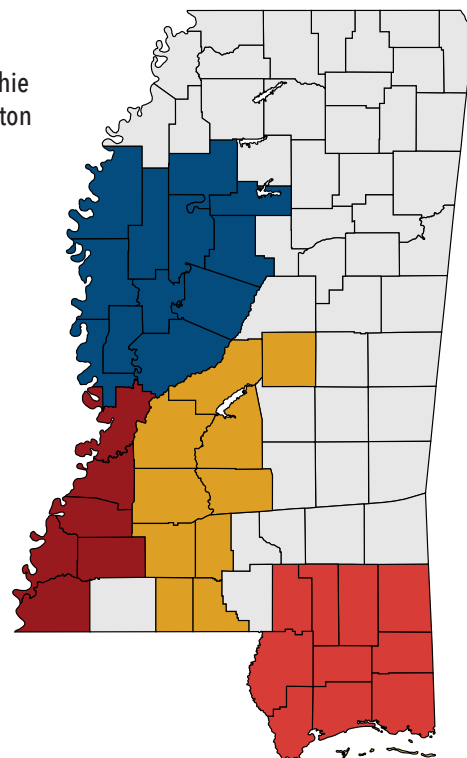
Adams	Franklin	Warren
Claiborne	Jefferson	Wilkinson

● CENTRAL REGION COUNTIES

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Hinds	Madison	Walthall
Lawrence	Pike	
Leake	Rankin	

● COASTAL REGION COUNTIES

Forrest	Harrison	Perry
George	Jackson	Stone
Greene	Lamar	
Hancock	Pearl River	





GENERATIONS: NOW & NEXT

*"One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4*

Generations: Now and Next is an acknowledgment that the best of ministry must happen with an appreciation of the needs and application of the tools of the present church while also having a pulse for and eye toward the trends, needs, interests, and methods of the future church. This conference will help pastors and pastor wives to consider the unique needs of their own generation and to be introduced to the needs and issues of those generations following them in order to help prepare future leaders to effectively serve their congregations. The conference will also help our pastors, ministers and their wives to develop relationships between generations through reflective conversations, mentoring moments and story-telling. This annual conference seeks to attend to the unique needs of the pastors, ministers and their wives in a way that encourages their growth in ministry and faith, supports their development as a family unit, and facilitates their personal development.

PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SESSION SPEAKERS



DR. BARTHOLOMEW ORR

Dr. Bartholomew Orr is the Senior Pastor of Brown Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Orr has served in this capacity since January 25, 1989. Under his leadership, the church has experienced tremendous growth, spiritually and numerically. Despite a large church setting, Pastor Orr works diligently to ensure that Brown maintains a “family-like” atmosphere. He is accessible to every member of his congregation and every member takes pride in receiving a yearly birthday call from their pastor.

Pastor Orr received his Doctorate Degree in Ministry from Union University. He has always used his passion for education to train and empower other ministers. A humble and honorable man, Pastor Orr has had the opportunity to share the gospel with diverse audiences around the world. Pastor Orr is married to his lovely wife Valarie, his best friend of over 30 years. They have been blessed with four sons, Bartholomew II, Valiant Bates, Bradford and Brandon.



REV. MARCUS CATHEY

Marcus T. Cathey is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. As the pastor/founder of West Point Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, he has served unwavering for nearly 20 years in ministry. What began as a small group bible study of 12 quickly grew to an unprecedented journey of growth and faith in South Mississippi. Today, West Point Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Cathey, is a thriving ministry that seeks to impact lives in a culturally relevant manner in order to make more and better disciples.

Pastor Cathey feels strongly about promoting reconciliation, equipping servant leaders, and educating the next generation. His community involvement includes past President of the Hattiesburg Public School District's Board of Trustees and former Second Vice President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi. He has also served as a board member of the United Way of Southeast Mississippi, the Hattiesburg American Editorial Board, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and the Board of Trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College.

Having attended the University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University and the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Pastor Cathey continues to further his growth and development. He and his wife Marneshia are the proud parents of three children; Joshua, Madison, and Mason, one daughter in-love, Jessica, and a granddaughter, Journey.



PASTOR ISAIAH ROBERTSON

Pastor Isaiah Robertson Sr. is the CEO and founder of Black Church Empowered; an organization dedicated to working for the flourishing of the expression of Christ's Universal Body commonly called, the Black Church. He possesses an insatiable passion for studying, preaching, and teaching the Word of God. His love for Biblical exposition and the Gospel can be seen throughout his life and ministry. Pastor Isaiah also has a passion for activism and collaborative community organizing. He desires to see people converted through the faithful preaching of the Gospel and uplifted through fighting systemic and institutional injustice.

In 2020, Pastor Isaiah released his groundbreaking book *Black Church Empowered: Examining Our History, Securing Our Longevity*. The book quickly reached the top of the charts as an Amazon best seller. It also garnered the Best Book of 2020 award from the Emmaus Collective. Pastor Isaiah currently serves as the senior pastor of the historic Hope In Christ Community Church in Compton, CA. As an influencer, Pastor Isaiah was highlighted as one of America's most loved youth pastors by Gospel Today Magazine in 2008. His skill to disciple Christians, train leaders, and create community outreach has allowed him to instruct and host workshops across the country and abroad. He has had the privilege of speaking at conferences in Australia, The Bahamas, and many states in the US.

Pastor Isaiah is currently completing his Master of Divinity degree at Reformed Theological Seminary in Marietta, GA. He's a prodigious reader and his interests include systematic theology, contextual ecclesiology, Black church studies, and urban apologetics.



LECRETIA A. BUCKLEY, PH.D.

Lecretia is a native of Canton, MS, where she confessed Christ and began her Christian education at Pleasant Gift M.B. Church. Lecretia graduated as valedictorian from Velma Jackson High School and valedictorian from Tougaloo College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics in 1991 and 1995, respectively. She earned a Master of Science in the Teaching of Mathematics and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1998 and 2003, respectively.

Currently, Dr. Buckley is employed at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine as the Education Quality Improvement Director and an associate professor in the Department of Advanced Biomedical Education. She manages the monitoring and reporting of the progress and educational outcomes for the medical education program and the accreditation of the medical school and leads in the design of faculty development for the School of Medicine.

She and her husband, Reginald, have been married for 25 years and have two children, Jonathan and Anna.



EVANGELIST AGNES V. CRUEL

Evangelist Agnes V. Cruel is an example of the and Savior Jesus Christ, loving and devoted wife of 25 years, and a dedicated mother to Zack and Amori. She serves as First Lady alongside her husband, Pastor Stanford Cruel, at St. Mariah M. B. Church in Fayette, MS and Daughters of Zion M. B. Church in Natchez, MS., and as an Evangelist for eleven years.

She is a graduate of Port Gibson High School and licensed cosmetologist, and the Community Liaison for Deaconess Homecare in Natchez, MS. She takes pleasure in serving other as she grows through God's Word. Her motto is, according to Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."



FELICE DOWD WICKS

Felice Dowd Wicks was born in Marks, MS, the daughter of Jeffrie and Polly Maxine Dowd. She received her early childhood education in Quitman County Public Schools. After moving to Jackson, she attended and graduated from Wingfield High School. Sis. Wicks then matriculated at Tougaloo College where she graduated with a B. A. degree in English/Literature. She continued her studies at the Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, LA. She currently serves as the Director of Compliance for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Jackson, MS.

Sis. Wicks is married to Pastor John A. Wicks, Jr. of Mount Nebo, and they have three children, John III, Faith Alexandria, and Grace Elizabeth. Her motto in life comes directly from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths".



JOCelyn GAVIN-LANE

Visionary, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and licensed clinical therapist Jocelyn Gavin-Lane is on a mission to uplift, inspire and be a change agent not only for her community but for the world. Gavin-Lane is the founder of the Gulfport, Mississippi based Premier Professional Counseling Services, LLC. And founder of the nonprofit organization Pink Lotus Project.

Gavin-Lane has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Social Work from Jackson State University. She also holds a Master of Public Health (concentration in Health Policy and Administration) from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is an alumna of both the VA Leadership Development Institute and Leadership Gulf Coast - Harrison County Chamber of Commerce. Along with being a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a previous member of the NASW Mississippi Chapter board. She is an advocate of mental wellness.



PASTORS' AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 13

6:00 p.m.

Morning Star Baptist Church Fall Musical Celebration

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 14

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

Conference registration materials will be available during this time period.

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

JOINT DEVOTION AND CONFERENCE OPENING

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

SESSION 1

Black Church Matters: Why church goers are leaving the black church, where they are going and what we can do about it (Presenter: Dr. Bartholomew Orr)

This session will bring clarity to the issue of declining membership within the black church. Recent studies suggest that those who leave the church are not necessarily rejecting the faith, but are reassessing the way they need to experience and interact with it. How can traditional black churches respond in a way that honors the essence of who we are while exploring what we can be?

Some of the points of consideration include:

- Ministering to Millennials and Gen Z
- Culture wars and political divides
- Worship sensibilities
- Relevant ministry and methods

10:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.

SESSION 2

Identifying and Training the Next Generation of Church Leaders (Presenter: Rev. Marcus Cathey)

Strong church leadership is critical for a vibrant and growing church. This session will help pastors learn how to cultivate, locate and prepare the next group of leaders for ministry in and through the church.

Some of the points of consideration include:

- What the new church leader looks like
- New and emerging skill necessary for ministry
- Helping your members become influencers
- Making social media a fully functioning ministry
- Implementing new training modes, methods, and materials
- Cultivating your next leaders

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WORKING LUNCH

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MOSES - JOSHUA DIALOGUES

Candid conversations featuring seasoned pastors of the convention who discuss the management of ministry, family, and self. (Pastors and ministers only)

3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

FREE TIME

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

DINNER

Great Southern Club
2510 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 15

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

Conference registration materials will be available during this time period.

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

CONVENTION CONVERSATIONS: TECH TALK

Reaching and engaging the next generation of new Christians and emerging disciples through Technology

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

SESSION 3

Understanding and Engaging the Black Hebrew Israelite Movement: Coming to a Church Near You

(Presenter: Rev. Isaiah Robertson)

- What is the BHI movement?
- What do they believe?
- Are they dangerous, violent, or a threat to the church?
- Interrogating their beliefs, deflecting their tactics, and defending the faith

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

SESSION 4

Select one of the following to attend for a deeper dive:

1. Understanding and engaging the Black Hebrew Israelite movement: Coming to a Church Near You (Pt. 2) (Location: Upstairs in the Choir Room)
2. Black Church Matters: Why church goers are leaving the black church, where they are going and what we can do about it (Pt 2) (Location: Sanctuary)
3. Identifying and Training the Next Generation of Church Leaders (Pt 2) (Location: Upstairs in Classrooms A&B)

12:00 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING

12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULE



MONDAY | NOVEMBER 14

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

JOINT DEVOTION AND CONFERENCE OPENING

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

MORNING MEDITATION & PRAYER

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

OPENING SESSION

- Devotion
- Greetings - Mrs. Jerry Whitfield, First Lady of Morning Star Baptist Church
- Words of Encouragement for Pastors' and Ministers' Wives - Dr. Lecretia Buckley
- Q&A - Wives submit questions anonymously and the group works through answers

10:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

The Pastor's and Minister's Wife as a Leadership Role (Presenter: Evangelist Agnes Cruel)

This session is designed to examine the complexities of life as a pastor's and minister's wife and to identify the joys and opportunities that accompany this commitment. Pastors' and Ministers' wives are also encouraged to examine their identity and its relationship to their spouse.

12:00 p.m.

FIRST LADY LUNCH

6:00 p.m.

DINNER

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

MORNING MEDITATION & PRAYER

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Wellbeing for Pastors' and Ministers' Wives

This session is designed to identify the scriptural support for balance and rest in one's personal life and to provide strategies and ideas for means to support wellbeing while recognizing the unique responsibilities, challenges, and stresses of being a minister's wife.

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

SESSION 1

Session 1 - Mental and Emotional Wellbeing
(Presenter: Jocelyn Gavin-Lane)

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

SESSION 2

Session 2 - Spiritual and Physical Wellbeing
(Presenter: Mrs. Felice Wicks)

12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



PASTORAL MENTORSHIP AND FORMATION PROGRAM

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PHILIPPIANS 4:9

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OBJECTIVES

- To enable pastors and ministers to gain personal confidence, growth in leadership and make progress in maintaining the qualities and virtues necessary to lead a community of God's people.
- To create intentional opportunities for inter-generational and spiritual mentoring and accompaniment to allow young ministers to glean from the wisdom and faith journey of mature spiritual leaders.
- To enable pastors and ministers to enhance pastoral skills through observation, mentorship, study and engagement.

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My GMBSC is a 3-year, multi-level stewardship initiative that will allow us to accomplish the aforementioned objectives. Please note that this initiative is over and above any current registration/officer fees, auxiliary representations, and any other convention-related missions that you already support. We therefore encourage you to make My GMBSC a part of your church's annual operational budget for the next 3 years. While we know that this will require a different level of commitment from many of our churches, doing this now will put the convention on a sound fiscal path to be able to carry out those missions most important to us. The chart below demonstrates how 150 churches giving to My GMBSC will allow us to reach our goals.



ANNUAL COMMITMENT	PERIOD	PER CHURCH	PROJECTED GOAL
\$20,000	3 Years	\$60,000	5 churches \$300,000
\$10,000	3 Years	\$30,000	5 churches \$150,000
\$5,000	3 Years	\$15,000	20 churches \$300,000
\$3,000	3 Years	\$9,000	40 churches \$360,000
\$1500	3 Years	\$4,500	80 churches \$360,000
150 churches = \$1,470,000			

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A portrait of Representative Debra Gibbs, a Black woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue top and a necklace. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a stone wall.

*Congratulations to the GMBSC and
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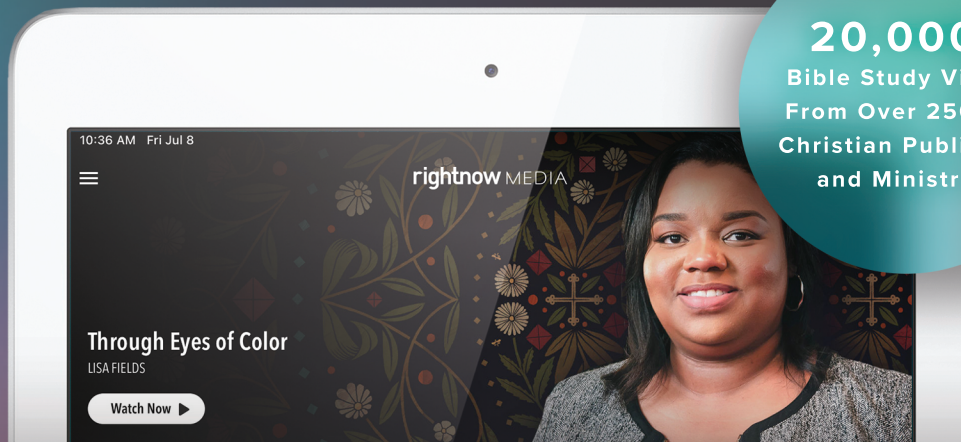
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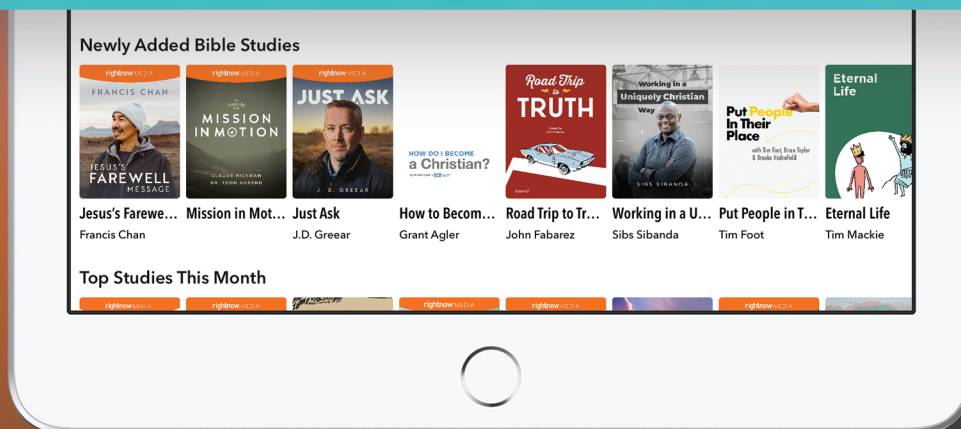


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