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## **135TH ANNUAL SESSION**

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

**Envisioning the Future Exceptionally:**  
"Through Our Commitment to Christian Stewardship"

**Dr. Jerry Young, President**  
Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary





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To the officers, board members, pastors, preachers, messengers, and friends of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Greetings and welcome to the 135th Annual Session of our Convention and my first as President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. It is with a tremendous sense of humility and an overwhelming feeling of gratitude to our God and to you for entrusting me with the awesome privilege of serving as the eighteenth president of this august body of believers that I greet you in the merciful, the marvelous, and the magnificent name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior.

Since the election last year, much prayer, planning, and preparation governed our days and nights as we restructured our boards and committees and reviewed, evaluated, and aligned the work of the Convention with the purpose of propelling us toward the realization of the all-encompassing vision that inevitably will enable us to transition from a convention model to a denominational model. I approach this week full of expectation and hope for our future as we envision our future exceptionally.

I pray for travelling grace and mercies for each person, and for a rich and rewarding experience while here in Memphis—one that will leave each of us with a renewed commitment, a revived hope, and a rekindled faith in the awesome possibilities and electrifying promises that can be ours as National Baptists. Let us, together, give impetus to the work ahead undergirded by much prayer and participation!

My personal thanks and gratitude are extended to the Host Committee for their diligence and dedication in preparing for and hosting our visit to Memphis.

Yours in the Ministry of Christ and His Church,

Jerry Young, President  
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.



Jerry Young, MS  
President

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Vice President-at-Large

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Assistant Parliamentarian

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Historian

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George W. Waddles Sr., IL  
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Education

Elliott Cuff, OH  
Dean, Congress of Christian Education



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President, Woman's Auxiliary

Matthew Canada, MS  
President, Moderator's Division

Willie Burke, NJ  
President, Laymen's Movement

James McHenry, OK  
President, Ushers' and Nurses'  
Auxiliary

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Chairman, Late-night Service

William B. Moore, PA  
Chairman, Foreign Mission Board

Leonard Griffin  
Chairman, Home Mission Board

Michael D. Warren, FL  
Co-Chairman, Home Mission Board

Gilbert Pickett, NY  
Executive Secretary, Home  
Mission Board

Forrest E. Harris  
President, American Baptist College

O. K. Patterson, MO  
Chairman, Evangelism Board

C. Dennis Edwards I, AR  
Chairman, Sunday School  
Publishing Board

Derrick L. Jackson, TN  
Executive Director  
Sunday School Publishing Board

Angelique Banks-Coleman, NY  
President, Music Auxiliary

Willie Gable Jr., LA  
Chairman, Housing Commission

Darrian Brown, PA  
Chairman, Registration Committee

Calvin Cage, DC  
Chairman, Concession Commission

Frank Raines III, MI  
Chairman, Labor Relations  
Commission

Harold Simmons, KS  
Chairman, Prison Ministry and  
Criminal Justice Commission

Ervin R. Millsaps, IL  
Devotional Leader

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## **Parent Body Program**

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE  
135th ANNUAL SESSION

September 7-11, 2015  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dr. Jerry Young, President  
Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

**ENVISIONING THE FUTURE  
EXCEPTIONALLY:  
“Through Our Commitment to Christian  
Stewardship”**

(Jeremiah 29:11; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)



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Monday, September 7, 2015

**MONDAY MORNING**

**Envisioning the Future Exceptionally:  
“Through Our Commitment to Christian Stewardship”  
(Jeremiah 29:11; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)**

- 10:00 a.m.      Executive Committee Meeting  
                         Lunch
- 2:00 p.m.      Devotional Period  
                         Devotional Message  
                         Reverend Welton Pleasant, CA
- NBC, USA, Inc. Board Meeting

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Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**TUESDAY MORNING**

**Vice President at-Large, Reverend Harry Blake, Presiding  
The Official Opening of the 135th Annual Session**

**(The Parent Body and All Departments Convene)**

- 8:30 a.m.      Devotional Period  
                         Devotional Message  
                         Reverend Ervin R. Millsaps, IL
- 8:50 a.m.      Presentation of the President  
                         Reverend Harry Blake, LA
- 8:55 a.m.      Convention Call to Order  
                         President Jerry Young, MS

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- 9:00 a.m. Prayer for the Convention  
Reverend Rodney Harris, AR
- Prayer for the Nation and World  
Reverend Robert L. Manaway Sr., WA
- Memorial Moment/Prayer  
Reverend D. Edward Chaney, NV
- 9:15 a.m. Music
- 9:20 a.m. The Local Welcome Program
- 10:20 a.m. The Response to the Welcome Program  
Reverend Calvin McKinney, NJ, General Secretary
- 10:25 a.m. Exposition of Convention Theme  
Reverend Nathaniel D. Houston, MS
- First Fruit Offering
- 10:55 a.m. Music
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Sermon  
Reverend C. S. Gordon, LA
- 11:45 a.m. Announcements
- 12:00 p.m. Benediction

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

**Vice President, Southwest Region  
Reverend Vernon Swift, Presiding**

- 2:00 p.m. Devotional Period
- 2:10 p.m. Seminar: "Financing a Vision: Building and Sustaining Viable Churches"  
Reverend DeForest B. Soaries Jr., NJ

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- 3:15 p.m. Music
- 3:20 p.m. Sermon  
Reverend Michael M. McDaniel, OK
- 4:15 p.m. Announcements  
Benediction
- 6:00 p.m. **President's Educational Banquet**

10:00 p.m.  
**LATE-NIGHT SERVICE**

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

**Vice President, Western Region  
Reverend John A. Reed, Presiding**

- 8:30 a.m. Devotional Period  
Devotional Message  
Reverend Keelan Atkinson, NC
- 8:50 a.m. **Reports**  
Congress of Christian Education  
Reverend George W. Waddles Sr., IL
- Sunday School Publishing Board  
Reverend C. Dennis Edwards I, AR
- Statistician  
Reverend Kenneth D. R. Clayton, NJ



**HOME MISSION HOUR**  
**Rev. Leonard O. Griffin, SC, Presiding**  
**Home Mission Program**

- 9:35 a.m. Home Mission Report  
Reverend Gilbert Pickett Sr., NY, Executive Director
- 10:05 a.m. Home Mission Offering  
Reverend Michael Warren, FL, Co-Director
- 10:15 a.m. Music
- 10:30 a.m. Sermon  
Reverend Frank E. Ray Sr., TN
- 11:30 a.m. Announcements  
Benediction

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

**J. H. Jackson/C. A. W. Clark Preaching Forum**  
**Reverend Charles Faulks, TX, Presiding**

- 2:00 p.m. Devotional Period
- 2:10 p.m. Music
- 2:15 p.m. **The Challenge of the 21st Century to Preach an Unchanging Gospel in a Changing Society**  
Rev. Richard Hollaway, TX
- 3:15 p.m. Music
- 3:20 p.m. **Panel Discussion: “The Church and Social Justice”**  
Reverend Amos Brown, CA, and Reverend Frederick D. Haynes III, TX  
Panel Discussion Leaders
- 4:20 p.m. Music



4:25 p.m.      Announcements  
                    Benediction

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Vice President, Midwest Region  
Reverend Rogers Kirk, Presiding**

7:15 p.m.      Devotional Period

7:25 p.m.      Music

### **FOREIGN MISSION HOUR**

**Rev. J. Wendell Mapson Jr., PA, Presiding**

7:30 p.m.      Foreign Mission Report  
                    Reverend William B. Moore, PA, Chairman

8:00 p.m.      Foreign Mission Offering

8:10 p.m.      Music

8:15 p.m.      Sermon  
                    Reverend Robert C. Scott, MO

9:00 p.m.      Announcements  
                    Benediction

**10:00 p.m.  
LATE-NIGHT SERVICE**



## **THURSDAY MORNING**

### **Vice President-at-Large, Reverend Harry Blake, Presiding**

- 8:30 a.m.      Devotional Period  
 Devotional Message  
 Reverend Joseph B. Felker Jr., IL
- 8:50 a.m.      Music
- 8:55 a.m.      The President's Grand March
- 9:15 a.m.      **The President's Hour**  
 Acknowledgment of Clergy Pastoring Fifty Years Plus  
 Greetings and Felicitations  
 Reception of Special Gifts  
 Music
- Presentation of the President**  
 Reverend Clarence Moore, GA
- Music
- The President's Annual Address**
- Music
- 12:00 p.m.    Announcements  
 Benediction

## **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

### **Vice President, Northeast Region Reverend Jesse Bottoms, Presiding**

- 2:30 p.m.      Devotional Period
- 2:40 p.m.      **Panel Discussion: "The Church and Supreme Court Decisions"**
- 3:45 p.m.      Music

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3:50 p.m. Sermon  
Reverend Mack T. Hines, SC

4:25 p.m. Announcements  
Benediction

### **THURSDAY EVENING**

**Vice President, International Relations**  
**Reverend William Thompson, Presiding**

7:30 p.m. Devotional Period

7:40 p.m. **Reports**  
Prison Ministry/Criminal Justice  
Brother Harold Simmons, KS

Housing Commission  
Reverend Willie Gable, LA

8:00 p.m. Music

8:05 p.m. Sermon  
Reverend David Jefferson, NJ

8:45 p.m. Announcements  
Benediction

**10:00 p.m.**  
**LATE-NIGHT SERVICE**

**FRIDAY MORNING****Vice President, Far West Region  
Reverend Claybon Lea Jr., Presiding**

- 8:30 a.m.      Devotional Period  
                  Devotional Message  
                  Reverend Jerry Crisp, TN
- 8:50 a.m.      Business Period  
                  Reports of Officers and Convention Auxiliaries
- 9:35 a.m.      Exposition of Convention Theme  
                  Reverend Anthony Carroll, Bahamas
- 10:00 a.m.     **Presentation of the President**
- 10:30 a.m.     Music
- 10:35 a.m.     Sermon  
                  Reverend Alvin C. Bernstine, CA
- 11:15 a.m.     Announcements  
                  Benediction

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON****Sightseeing of "The City"**



**FRIDAY EVENING****Vice President, Southeast Region  
Reverend Clarence Moore, Presiding**

- 7:15 p.m.      Devotional Period  
Devotional Message  
Reverend Bobby James Smith, PA
- 7:35 p.m.      Report of Evangelistic Campaign—Baptizing  
Reverend O. K. Patterson, MO
- 8:10 p.m.      Music
- 8:15 p.m.      Sermon  
Reverend Stanley Moore, IA
- 8:55 p.m.      Offering/Offertory Music
- 9:00 p.m.      Holy Communion  
Reverend Kenneth B. Martin, GA
- 9:45 p.m.      Benediction

**Thus Ends the 135th Annual Session.**

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## Moderators' Auxiliary

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

Dr. Matthew L. Canada, President



Dr. Jerry Young, President, NBC, USA, Inc.

Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

135TH ANNUAL SESSION PROGRAM

September 7-11, 2015

Held in Memphis, Tennessee

**ENVISIONING THE FUTURE**

**EXCEPTIONALLY:**

**“Reconnecting the Connected”**

(John 17:22-23)



**G**REETINGS IN THE NAME OF HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE COULD ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN EACH OF US. To the only wise God our Father, be Glory and Honor; Dominion and Power!

It is with great joy and anticipation as President of the Moderators' Auxiliary that I am privileged to welcome you to our 135th Annual Session on behalf of the Moderators' Auxiliary team. Please allow us to express our sincere appreciation to Reverend Dr. Marvin Mercer, the host committee, and pastors and affiliated churches of the great state of Tennessee for your overwhelming declaration and demonstration of hospitality. During our time together we will recognize former and past leaders of our Auxiliary. You can expect to engage in doctrinal lectures, a panel discussion on the latest ruling of the United States Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage as it relates to Moderators and Associations, and powerful sermons to encourage our hearts regarding the Sovereignty of God. Please note that Associations/Districts are asked to register with \$400.00. Personal registration for Moderators is \$200.00. My desire is for God to bless each of you with health, strength, safety, and joy as you make your way to Memphis, Tennessee. We are "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally: Reconnecting the Connected" as we move with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated from being a Convention to becoming a Denomination. Amen.

Dr. Matthew L. Canada, President  
Moderators' Auxiliary



## National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Moderators' Auxiliary Staff

NAME	POSITION	STATE
Matthew L. Canada	President	Mississippi
Cleveland McFarland	Vice President At Large	Alabama
William Wyne	1st Vice President	Michigan
Fred Maeweathers	2nd Vice President	Florida
Nick Nettles	Vice President Southwest Region	Arkansas
Darren T. Brandon	Vice President Southeast Region	Virginia
Carl L. Washington	Vice President Northeast Region	New York
Damian Epps	Vice President Midwest Region	Iowa
Burnis Burrell, Jr	Vice President Western Region	Oklahoma
Jacob Johnson	Vice President Farwest Region	California
Chauncy L. Jordan, Sr	General Secretary	Mississippi
J.H. Creal	Assistant Secretary	Texas
Lamar Jones	Assistant Secretary	Texas
Peter F. Williams	Assistant Secretary	Illinois
D.C. Brown	Treasurer	Texas
L.P. Hadnot	Assistant Treasurer	Texas
Abraham Robinson	Special Assistant to President	Florida
M. Kendrick Canada	Historian	Mississippi
Roosevelt Dixon	Music Director	Indiana
Orvelle Jones	Musician	Illinois
Russell Harris	Assistant Musician	Illinois
Yvonne Whitehead	Registrar	Illinois
Gladys Stuart	Registrar	Illinois
Marvin K. Myles, Sr.	Devotional Director	Mississippi
Darien Bolden, Sr.	Devotional Co-Director	Florida
W.C. Brown	Liaison Young Pastors	Delaware
Green Davidson, III	Director of Education	Alabama
Cato Brooks, Sr.	Co-Director of Education	Indiana
C.D. Stuart	Assistant Director of Education	Illinois
Robert McCallum	Assistant Director of Education	Mississippi
Carlton May	Assistant Director of Education	Georgia
Green Davidson, IV	Assistant Director of Education	Alabama
Floyd James	Assistant Director of Education	Illinois
Kenneth O. Lyons	Advisor	Texas
M. Davis	Advisor	Georgia
H.P. Davis	Advisor	New Jersey
Stephan Sullivan	Advisor	Ohio
Bruce Datcher	Advisor	Texas



Monday, September 7, 2015

**National Board Meeting  
2:00 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL OPENING  
OF THE  
MODERATORS' AUXILIARY**



Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON  
2:30 p.m.**

***Presiding Officer: Cleveland McFarland, Vice President at-Large***

- 2:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 2:35 p.m. Praise and Worship ..... Roosevelt Dixon, IN  
Orvelle Jones, IL
- 2:45 p.m. Devotional Message ..... Marvin K. Myles Jr., MS
- 3:00 p.m. Music
- 3:05 p.m. Lecturer..... William Wyne, MI
- 3:35 p.m. Music
- 3:40 p.m. Sermon .....S. L. Richardson, AR
- Announcements
- Closing Reflections ..... Matthew L. Canada, MS

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Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**TUESDAY EVENING**

6:00 p.m.

**The Peabody Hotel  
149 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38103  
Keynote Speaker:  
Convention President Jerry Young**

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

8:30 a.m.

***Presiding Officer: William Wyne, First Vice President***

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order
- 8:35 a.m. Praise and Worship ..... Roosevelt Dixon, IN  
Orville Jones, IL
- 8:45 a.m. Devotional Message ..... Marion Mack, IN
- 9:00 a.m. Music
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation of the President..... Cleveland McFarland, AL
- 9:15 a.m. Special Presentations ..... Matthew L. Canada, MS
- 9:30 a.m. Special Music
- 9:45 a.m. Annual Address..... Matthew L. Canada, MS



Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Presentation

Announcements

Closing Reflections ..... Matthew L. Canada, MS

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

**2:30 p.m.**

***Presiding Officer: Fred Maeweathers, Second Vice President***

2:30 p.m. Call to Order

2:35 p.m. Praise and Worship ..... Roosevelt Dixon, IN  
Orvelle Jones, IL

2:45 p.m. Devotional Message ..... Green Davidson IV, AL

**Panel Discussion:**

**“The Decision and the Dilemma”:**

**Discussion of the Supreme Court Ruling on Same-sex Marriage—  
How Does It Affect the Church?**

***C. L. May, Facilitator***

Closing Reflections ..... Matthew L. Canada, MS



Thursday, September 10, 2015

**THURSDAY MORNING**

**7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.**

**Moderators’ Auxiliary Staff Breakfast**

***Presiding Officer: President Matthew L. Canada***



Thursday, September 10, 2015

9:00 a.m.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

**Dr. Jerry Young**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

2:30 p.m.

*Presiding Officer: Damien Epps, VP Midwest Region*

- 2:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 2:35 p.m. Praise and Worship ..... Roosevelt Dixon, IN  
Orville Jones, IL
- 2:40 p.m. Devotional Message ..... S. L. Curry Jr., TX
- 2:55 p.m. Music
- 3:00 p.m. Lecture ..... Robert McCallum, MS
- 3:25 p.m. Music
- 3:30 p.m. Sermon ..... Charles Emery, IN
- 4:05 p.m. Announcements..... Chauncy L. Jordan Sr., MS
- 4:10 p.m. Closing Reflections ..... Matthew L. Canada, MS
- Benediction ..... Charles Emery, IN





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114th Annual Session of the

## Woman's Auxiliary

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood ~ President



To the 135th Annual Session of the  
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Dr. Jerry Young, Convention President

Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

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EXCEPTIONALLY”**



# *Greetings!*

To the 114th Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary during the 135th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., convening in Memphis, Tennessee, this September 7-11, 2015. The Body is under the leadership of our recently elected President, Dr. Jerry Young, of Jackson, Mississippi.

Our new leadership will provide much enthusiasm and ideas of how we can "Envision the Future Exceptionally."

There may be a brief time period when many who have not made a visit to the city of Memphis can find time to enjoy the outstanding areas of music and other well-known sites.

As always, we will be able to share great worship experiences and inspiration with fellow believers who have assembled from all areas of the United States of America and the Bahamas.

We salute Dr. Marvin Mercer Jr., General Chairman and President of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc., Dr. James Adams, Honorary Chairman and President of the Tennessee Regular B. M. & E. State Convention, and all of the other leaders that make up the Host Committee for our 135th Annual Session in the state of Tennessee.

We look forward with great anticipation to the joy and fellowship with the Leaders of the Women's Auxiliaries—Sisters Paulette Moore and Sister Rosa Fields. Both are exceptional leaders. Come praying!

Your sister in service,

Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, President  
Woman's Auxiliary, NBC, USA, Inc.






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<b>Sis. Maxine Abrams</b> Vice President-at-Large	<b>Sis. Brooxie Fentress</b> Director of Music/Pianist	<b>Young People's Department</b>
<b>Dr. Hilda Guillory</b> Southwest Vice President	<b>Sis. Patsy Woods</b> Organist	<b>Dr. Marian Hockenull</b> Director ~ YPD
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<b>Dr. Gloria Ferguson</b> Southeast President	<b>Sis. Dorothy D. Thompson</b> Editor ( <i>Baptist Woman</i> )	<b>Sis. Queen Crawford</b> Midwest Region YPD
<b>Sis. Cynthia Smith</b> Midwest Vice President	<b>Sis. Paulyne Campbell</b> Editor ( <i>The Mission</i> )	<b>Sis. Gloria Simmons</b> Southeast Region YPD
<b>Sis. Agnes Haynes</b> West Vice President	<b>Sis. Bridget C. Wilson</b> Houston Office Personnel	<b>Sis. Sonjia Daniels</b> West Region YPD
<b>Sis. Mozelle Medcalf</b> Recording Secretary	<b>Sis. Andria S. McClain</b> Houston Office Personnel	<b>To be filled later</b> Northeast
<b>Judge Drella Savage</b> Assistant Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian	<b>Logistics/SP Assignment</b> Sis. Barbara Steele (Dallas) Special Assistants: Bro. B. Keith Norwood Bro. Carlyle Thompson	<b>Sis. Kate Uzzell (NJ)</b> Registrar
<b>Sis. Birdell Davis</b> Corresponding Secretary		<b>Sis. Bennie Roper (IL)</b> <b>Sis. Tracy Bracewell</b> Registrars
<b>Sis. Joyce Murray</b> Treasurer		Assignment: <b>N. Suggs</b> Vice President
<b>To be filled later</b> Historian		

## Coordinators

<b>State Presidents</b> Sis. Monica Banks (MS) Sis. Patricia Leazer (MD) Sis. Ora Adams (TX)	<b>District Presidents</b> Sis. Dorothy Smith (MI) Sis. Etoile Barnes	<b>Local Presidents</b> Sis. Merceil Burkhalter (MN) Sis. Jeanne Moss (AR)
<b>Past Presidents</b> Sis. Alma Tate (CA) Sis. Josephine Stokes (WA) Sis. Vernita Howze (TX)	<b>Mary O. Ross Banquet</b> Dr. Hilda Guillory, Vice President Dr. Nellie Williams (MI)	<b>Greeters</b> Sis. Bettie Gaines, Chair (OK) Sis. Evelyn Burton (OH) Sis. Susie McClure (TN)



### Coordinators

<b>Women in White March</b> Sis. Barbara Strothers (NJ) Sis. Leola Linnen (NY)	<b>Women in White March</b> Sis. Rosalyn Johnson Sis. Rosa Dixon	<b>Fashion Share</b> Sis. Paula Davis, National Coordinator Sis. Paulette Moore, Local Host
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### Committees

<b>Deaconess/Deacons' Wives</b> Sis. Eloise Allen, Chair Sis. Madelyn J. Williams (NY) Co-Chair Sis. Linda Turner (TX). Sect.	<b>Tributes and Memorials</b> Sis. Lillian Wright (MD)	<b>Tickets/Banquet/Breakfast</b> Sis. Ruth Davis, Chairman Sis. Beverly Johnson
<b>Foreign Mission/Home Mission</b> Sis. Marilyn Fuller (MI) Sis. Linda Robinson Sis. Angelique Walker-Smith	<b>Myra L. Taylor Scholarship</b> Sis. Martha Turner-Riddick (NJ) Sis. Ernestine Weems Sis. Evelyn Mason Sis. Sandra Graves	<b>Lest We Forget</b> Sis. Sara Hendrix (AR) Sis. Betty Lea (AR)
<b>Health Committee</b> Sis. Louise Boyd (MI) and Committee	<b>Children's Defense Fund</b> Coordinator Sis. Mary Johnson	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>
<b>National Baptist Day of Prayer</b> Sis. Eva Williams (IN) Dr. Barbara Webb (AR) Sis. Marcene Mackey (OK) Sis. Rosa Sanders (MS) Sis. Verdie Curry (IL) Sis. Coretta Rollins (IN)	<b>Praise/Worship/Song Leaders</b> Dr. Marina Sands (BA) Sis. Charlene W. Minor (MS) Sis. Bettye J. Jenkins Sis. Donna V. Cryer	<b>Ministers' Wives/Widows</b> Sis. Marilyn Fuller (MI), Chair Sis. Martha Jones Sis. Bonita Ridley Sis. Pecolia Macklin (NY) Sis. Nellie Morgan Sis. Mable Griffin Sis. Mary Terry, Emeritus

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Sunday, September 6, 2015

**We will be the guests of Dr. James Adams and the Congregation of  
St. Stephen MBC / 8:30 a.m.  
4245 Singleton PKWY.  
Transportation and a light snack will be provided.**

**As always, for those who choose to worship with relatives and friends,  
have a great day. A list of churches is provided. Antioch MBC and St.  
Stephen are only 15 minutes from the Hilton Memphis Hotel if you choose  
one of them.**

**Downtown Area Churches:**

Progressive MBC – Rev. James Collins, Pastor, 394 Vance Ave., 11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem MBC, Rev. O. C. Collins, Pastor, 918 Looney St., 11:00 a.m.

Greater Mt. Moriah MBC, Rev. J. L. Payne, Pastor, 1098 S. Wellington, 11:00 a.m.

New Salem MBC, Dr. Frank Ray, Pastor, 2237 S. Parkway, 9:30 a.m.

Middle BMC, Dr. Lester Baskin, Pastor, 801 Whitehaven Ln. 11:00 a.m.

St. Mark MBC, Dr. J. L. Bacchus, Pastor, 940 S. Lauderdale, 11:00 a.m.

Brown MBC, Dr. Bartholmew Orr, 7200 Swinnea Rd., Southaven, MS, 8:00 a.m.  
and 10:45 a.m. (People staying in the Goodman, RD area may be 5–10 minutes  
from any hotel in that area.)

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Monday, September 7, 2015

# *Program Events*

**Monday, September 7, 2015**

**8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Registration at the Registration Booths ~  
Memphis Cook Convention Center (TBA)



**19th FASHION SHARE Outreach Program and LUNCHEON—  
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Mrs. Paula Davis—National Coordinator**

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church  
4245 Singleton Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee  
Dr. James A. Adams, Pastor

Transportation will be provided for Dr. Gatewood's Officers, special invited guests, and State, District, and out-of-town Local Presidents from  
**the Woman's Auxiliary Hotel**  
(Hilton Memphis)

**PARENT BODY BOARD MEETING**

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (TBA)

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD MEETING, September 7, 2015**

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (TBA)

**Presiding ~ President Hugh Dell Gatewood**

**HOST MUSICAL**

Monday, 7:00 p.m., at the Memphis Cook Convention Center  
Tickets are \$20.00.



Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**TUESDAY MORNING**

**6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.**

**Local and District Presidents' Breakfast (White/Red Accessories)**

Sister Dorothy Smith (District), Sister Merceil Burkhalter (Local), and Sister Jennie Moss (Local), Coordinators

Hilton Memphis Hotel ~ Room (TBA)  
(Program Under Separate Cover)

**OFFICIAL OPENING  
OF THE  
135TH NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.  
9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Jerry Young, President

Memphis Cook Convention Center ~ Halls TBA (Our presence is expected)

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, NBC, USA, INC.  
Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, President  
2:30 p.m.**

Memphis Cook Convention Center ~ Halls TBA

**Presiding ~ President Hugh Dell Gatewood / Dr. Hilda Guillory**

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship..... Sister Brooxie Fentress

Praise, Prayer, and Worship..... Sister Charlene W. Minor,  
Rev. Dr. Marina Sands, Sister Sybrina Pinder, and Others





Extension of Health Unit .....	Sister Bridget C. Gatewood
Called to Order ~ 2014 Annual Session.....	Vice President Bettye J. Speed
Welcome ~ Women's Auxiliary Presidents (20 Minutes) & Memphis Host.....	Sisters Paulette Moore and Rosa Fields
Adoption of 2015 Program with Corrections .....	Sister Mozelle E. Medcalf
Recognition of Officers.....	National, State, District, Local Presidents and Coordinators
Memorial Period .....	Sisters Lillian Wright, Bernice Wilson, Joyce Maria Davis
Presentation of Speaker.....	Dr. Stanley Thomas Hillard, Pastor St. Luke Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
Sermon.....	Rev. Reginald G. Reid Sr., Pastor Polly Chapel Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas
Offering .....	Greeters, Dr. Barbara Steele, B. K. Norwood, C. Thompson

## **TUESDAY EVENING**

**6:00 p.m.**

### **President's Educational Banquet**

The Peabody Hotel

Dr. Jerry Young

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

**8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.**

Quiet Time with God

*President's Session*

**Presiding ~ Vice President-at-Large Maxine D. Abrams**

Songs of Praise and Adoration/Meditation and Prayer  
Sister Brooxie Fentress, Rev. Dr. Marina Sands, and Worship Committee

**9:00 a.m.**

*President's Processional*

National Young People's Officers  
Officers of Woman's Auxiliary/Invited Guests

**President's Family, Invited Guests, and Friends  
—led by Ms. Bridget C. Gatewood-Wilson**

**Entrance of the President**

*Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood; Dr. S. C. Nash*

Greetings/Texas ..... Dr. S. C. Nash (BM&E State President)

Greetings ..... Dr. Jerry Young (National President)

Music

Love Expressions ..... Dr. Hilda Guillory/Dr. S. T. Hillard

Presentation of President ..... Dr. Rosalyn Johnson  
Vice President-at-Large ~ Women's Auxiliary Empire Baptist Convention



**President's Address**

*Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood*

Music .....	Rev. Dr. Nathan Johnson Pastor, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan
Presentations	
Gratitude .....	President Hugh Dell Gatewood
Announcements and Program Directives.....	Sister Mozelle E. Medcalf
Benediction and Adjournment	

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Presiding ~ Section I—West Vice President Sister Agnes Haynes**

Praise and Worship .....	Sister Brooxie Fentress, Rev. Dr. Marian Sands, and Committee Members
Reflections and Presentation—Health Committee .....	Sister Louise Boyd Chairman
Opening Remarks .....	Coordinator Louise Boyd, Michigan MC/ Sister Myra Hunter, California
Nurse Pledge and Prayer.....	Sister Lela Bunns and Sister Gwen Wilson
Music .....	“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”
Reports (Queen and Financial) .....	Sister Rosa James
Remarks.....	Coordinator Louis Boyd and President H. D. Gatewood
One Selection of Music .....	Sister Lois Amelia Tilly
Literature Roundup ( <i>The Mission/Baptist Woman</i> ) .....	Editors Paulyne Campbell/ Elvira Dorcus



Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**Presiding ~ Section II—Southeast Vice President Rev. Dr. Gloria Ferguson**

**“WOMEN IN WHITE MARCH”**

Coordinators: Sisters Barbara Strothers, Agnes Haynes, Rosa Dickerson,  
Leola Linnen

**Grand March**

Report of Finance ~ W/W ..... Sisters Nellie Suggs/Joyce Murray

Announcements..... Sister Mozelle E. Medcalf

Adjournment

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**No Scheduled Service for the Woman’s Auxiliary**



Thursday, September 10, 2015

**THURSDAY MORNING**

**9:00 a.m.**

**President’s Address ~ *Dr. Jerry Young***

Memphis Cook Convention Center – Hall TBA  
(Delegates are expected to attend)

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Presiding ~ Section I—Northeast Vice President Nellie Suggs**

Praise and Worship~2:00 p.m.–2:10 p.m..... Sister Brooxie Fentress,  
President Sybrina Pinder, Sister Charlene Minor, Other Praise and  
Worship Team Members



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- “Bread for the World” ..... Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith
- Endorsing MMBB (www.mmbb.org) ..... CEO Louis Barbarin
- Reflections/Presentation .....Deaconess ~ Deacons’ Wives ~ Widows  
Chairman, Eloise Allen, Sisters Lillie Lyles, Michigan,  
Advisor, Madelyn Williams, New York, Linda Turner, Texas
- M. C.....Deaconess Roudine Bryant ~ Selection – Deaconess and Song Leader
- Deaconess Lillie Lyles – Advisor ~ Reading..... Grandma Apron—  
Deaconess Bennie Clark
- Music ..... Sister Brooxie Fentress
- Financial Report..... Deaconess Linda Turner, Secretary
- First & Second Place Winners..... Fund Raiser  
Deaconess Marilyn Williams (Co-Chair)
- Remarks and Presentations ..... Deaconess Chair Eloise Allen
- Remarks..... President H. D. Gatewood
- Reflections/Women’s Leadership in Johannesburg,  
South Africa ..... V. Pres. Cynthia Smith
- Reflections/Young People’s Department ..... Director ~ Dr. Marian Hockenull
- Presiding ~ Section I—Midwest Vice President Cynthia Smith**
- Reflections/Congress in Durban South Africa..... Sister Linda Robinson
- Ministers’ Wives and Widows Presentation..... Sister Marilyn Fuller, National Chair,  
Sisters Martha Jones, Pecolia Macklin, and Bonita Ridley



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**“Committed to the Challenge of Envisioning the Future Exceptionally”**

**Welcome First Lady Sister Sandra Poindexter**

**Solo ~ First Lady Sister Johnella Bachus—  
St. Mark Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee**

**Words of Encouragement ~ First Lady Sister Angela Ellis,  
Pres., Baptist MW Guild of Memphis, Tennessee**

Financial Report..... Sister Janice R. Corley, Prince of Peace MBC, Michigan

**Presentation & Introduction of Queen Contestants—National Chair Sister  
Marilyn Fuller**

**Crowning of 2015–2016 Queen ... Reigning Queen 2014–2015**

Announcements..... Sister Mozelle E. Medcalf

Adjournment

**THURSDAY EVENING**

**Woman’s Auxiliary Banquet**  
Hilton Memphis ~ Room (TBA)

**State Presidents**  
Dr. Hilda Guillory; Sisters Patricia Leazer and  
Ora Adams

**Past Presidents: Sister Alma Tate, Sister Josephine Stokes, and  
Sister Vernita Howze**  
**—Queen Presentation**  
(Program Under Separate Cover)



Friday, September 11, 2015

**FRIDAY MORNING**

**9:00 a.m.**

Call to Worship..... Sister Brooxie Fentress

Scripture/Prayer..... Worship Committee

**REPORTS**

Registration and Financial Report—Sister Nellie Suggs and Sister Nina A. Forte

*The Mission*—Sister Paulyne Campbell, Editor

*The Baptist Woman*—Sister Dorothy Durden Thompson, Editor

Sister Elvira Dorcus—Subscription Coordinator/Meeting Distribution

Sister Mary Hagler—Records and Mail Distribution

Closing Meditation and Prayer .....Minister Dorothy Simmons

**Dismissed until 7:00 p.m.**

**FRIDAY EVENING**

**Joint Service with Parent Body ~ Baptism/Communion  
Memphis Cook Convention Center**

**OFFICIAL CLOSING  
of the 114th Session of the Woman’s Auxiliary  
and the 135th Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. —  
Parent Body Session Tonight**

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## **Young People's Department**

of the Woman's Auxiliary

**NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.**

Dr. Marian J. Hockenull, National Director  
Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, Woman's Auxiliary President

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Dr. Jerry Young, Convention President  
Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

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Memphis, Tennessee

**“ENVISIONING THE FUTURE  
EXCEPTIONALLY”**



**MONDAY MORNING**  
**Annual Prayer Breakfast**

Theme: “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally”

Musical Prelude

Presiding .....Mrs. Mary Jordan Smith, Southwest Region Director

Music Ministry ..... Tennessee Youth Adult Ensemble

Scripture..... Mr. Katé LaFayette

Prayer..... Mr. Brian Hill

Music Ministry ..... Tennessee Young Adult Ensemble

Welcome .....Minister Joel Moore Jr.

**BLESSING OF THE FOOD**

**\*\*Breakfast Is Served\*\***

Musical Selection..... Tennessee Youth Adult Ensemble

**“Fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much”**

***Our Prayers are extended to:***

***(Hymn: “Pray for Me”)***

*One (1) Please!*

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc..... Mr. Jarius Crittle  
 “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally”

President Jerry Young and Family ..... Mr. Aaron Torbert

President Hugh Dell Gatewood, Woman’s Auxiliary President....Miss Glenise Davis

Dr. Marian J. Hockenhull, National Young People’s Director.....Mrs. Sydrea Bryson

Our Young People’s Dept. and Regional Directors ..... Mr. Jayden Posten

President Barack Obama and Family..... Mr. Demetric Gould

State of the Country ..... Rev. Terrick Banks

Music Ministry ..... Tennessee Young Adult Ensemble

Introduction of Speaker..... Rev. Dr. Valentino McNeal

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN

Speaker..... Rev. Charles Lomax Jr.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Alcoa, TN





Monday, September 7, 2015

**National Youth Mission Project  
SEEK THE OLD PATH SHELTER (Women and Children)  
Memphis, Tennessee**

Benediction .....Rev. Derrick Davis

**LUNCH ~ 12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.**

**Welcome Program ~ 2:00 p.m. (promptly)**

**MONDAY AFTERNOON  
2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Host Committee**

**Minister Victoria McNeal**

Young People’s Department Director

Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Inc.

**Mrs. Patricia Ray Mason**

Young People’s Department Director

Tennessee Regular Convention, Inc.

**“UNDER A SEPARATE COVER”**

Remarks..... Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, President, Woman’s Auxiliary  
Dr. Marian J. Hockenhull, National Young People’s Department Director

Prayer

Benediction



Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**TUESDAY MORNING**

**8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

**Joint Session**

**Lunch ~ 1:30 p.m.**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

**2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Mrs. Gloria Simmons, Southeast Region Director, Presiding**  
**Worship Committee**

Music Ministry

Annual Report..... National Director Dr. Marian J. Hockenhill

Music Ministry

Closing Meditation



Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

**9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

**Joint Session with Woman’s Auxiliary**

**Annual Address**

**President Hugh Dell Gatewood**

**ANNUAL DIRECTOR’S LUNCHEON**

**Mrs. Queen Crawford, Midwest Region Director, Presiding**

Music ..... Tennessee Young Adult Ensemble

Invocation

Greetings..... Mrs. Patricia Ray Mason, Tennessee Baptist Regular Convention

Minister R. Victoria McNeal, Tennessee Baptist Missionary and

Educational Convention, Inc.

Occasion ..... Sister Roseland Jackson

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**BLESSING OF THE FOOD**

**\*\*Lunch is Served\*\***

Music Ministry .....	Young Adult Ensemble
Presentation of Speaker .....	Mrs. Georgia Torrace
Speaker .....	Rev. Evan Collins, Eastern Star Baptist Church, Memphis, TN
Invitation to Discipleship .....	Rev. Justin Crutcher
Music Ministry .....	Tennessee Young Adult Ensemble

**Sacrificial Offering**

Presentation of Gifts .....	National/Regional/State
Remarks .....	Minister R. Victoria McNeal, Tennessee State Convention, Inc.
	Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, President, Woman's Auxiliary
	Dr. Marian J. Hockenull, Director, Young People's Department
Closing Prayer/Benediction .....	Rev. Evan Collins

**DONATION: \$35.00 PER PERSON**

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Thursday, September 10, 2015

**8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

**President Jerry Young's Annual Address**

**LUNCH**

**2:30 p.m.**

**MEET WITH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
REGIONAL DIRECTORS MEET WITH YOUR REGIONS  
WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

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## **Ushers' and Nurses' Auxiliary**

**NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.**

Bro. James McHenry ~ President

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## Greetings to the Officers and Members of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.:



Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful; for beauty is God’s handwriting—a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing.”

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you a very warm welcome to the 135th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

This may be the first time for many of you and I am hopeful that we will all continue to forge important relationships, friendships, or opportunities as we share this magnificent convention.

One can’t always tell the exact moment when relationships, friendships, or opportunities are forged, but this I can tell you . . .

It is at occasions such as this week when we come together to share a common vision that we often start on our journey toward something remarkable and if guests are like flowers . . . well, then you’d be the exact bouquet that I would pick to share this week with.

May we all cherish and gain something of importance from the time that we spend together; may we grasp it with both hands and make our own wonderful memories to carry with us in the years still to come.

“The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation”

In His Service,

Bro. James McHenry, President  
Ushers’ and Nurses’ Auxiliary



**Ushers' and Nurses' Auxiliary Officers  
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.**

**Bro. James McHenry, President ~ Oklahoma**

Brenda Eason	Vice President-at-Large	Georgia
David Barnes	Vice President—Western Region	Kansas
Juanita Sanders	Vice President—Southeast Region	South Carolina
Joanne Smith	Vice President—Northeast Region	New York
Mary Shoemaker	Vice President—Midwest Region	Indiana
Delores Richmond	Vice President—Southwest Region	Tennessee
Shirley Featherstone	Executive Secretary	Oklahoma
Marilyn Mitchell	Recording Secretary	Georgia
Jennie M. Chambers-Jones	Asst. Recording Secretary	Mississippi
Sandra Collins	Corresponding Secretary	Nebraska
Rev. Matthew Turner	Dean	Illinois
Relda Owens-Matthews	Assistant Dean	Missouri
Mervin Brown	Head Marshall	Virginia
Noble Cobbins	Assistant Marshall	California
Stella Lee	Finance Chairperson	Oklahoma
Shirley Ragin	Registration	New Mexico
Martha Carter	Supervisor of Nurses	California
Dr. Sallie N. Titus	President Emeritus	Missouri





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**Ushers' and Nurses' Auxiliary Program  
Official Opening**

**9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
General Registration**

10:00 a.m. **Presiding.....James McHenry, President (OK)**  
Ushers' and Nurses' Executive Board Meeting

2:00 p.m. **Presiding.....Sis. Joanne Smith (NY)**  
Vice President, Northeast Region

Prayer and Praise ..... Sis. Luberta Broomfield (SC)

Memorial..... Sis. Martha Carter (CA)

Instructions ..... Bro. Mervin Brown (VA)  
Sis. Martha Carter (CA)  
Rev. Matthew Turner (IL)  
Sis. Bernice Young (NY)

Announcements ..... Sis. Shirley Featherstone (OK)

**Lunch**

2:00 p.m. Parent Body Opening Board Meeting  
Dr. Jerry Young ~ Presiding

4:00 p.m. Marshalls Meeting..... Bro. Mervin Brown (VA)

Praise Team..... Sis. Velina Davenport (OK)  
Bro. Orinthal Wandick (OK)

Instructors Meeting .....Dean Matthew Turner (IL)

**(ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION CENTER)**

7:00 p.m. Musical

**TUESDAY MORNING**

9:00 a.m. Official Opening..... Parent Body—All Auxiliaries

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

1:00 p.m. Assemble  
**Presiding**..... **Sis. Mary Shoemaker (IN)**  
**Vice President, Midwest Region**

Devotion..... Sis. Luberta Broomfield (SC)

Official Opening..... President James McHenry (OK)

Class Instructions ..... Dean Matthew Turner (IL)

**Course**  
**#1004** Effective Bible Reading  
 Rev. Joseph Tracy Jr. (IL)

**Course**  
**#7022** Developing Christian Morals in an Immoral World  
 Rev. Carlos Wilson (MS)

**Course**  
**#2025** Teaching Social Etiquette and Good Manners  
 Rev. Hersey Hammons (OK)

**Course**  
**#8017** The Ministry of Church Ushering  
 Sis. Grace Summers (MI)

**Course**  
**#8018** The Ministry of Church Nursing  
 Sis. Juanita Edwards (NY)

**Seminar** "I Am a Church Member"  
 Rev. Darian Jones (MO)



Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

8:00 a.m. Class Period

10:00 a.m. Reassemble (Class Dismissed)

**Presiding.....Sis. Brenda Eason (GA)  
Vice President-at-Large**

10:15 a.m. Processional of Officers and Committee

Musical Selection .....Ushers' and Nurses' Praise Team

**Welcome Program..... Tennessee State Ushers**

Music .....Ushers' and Nurses' Praise Team

Introduction of the President.....Dr. C. W. Whitlow  
President, Oklahoma Baptist State Convention

Musical Selection .....Ushers' and Nurses' Praise Team

**President's Message..... President James McHenry**

Acceptance ..... Rev. Willie Tiller (OK)

Love Offering..... Bro. Mervin Brown (VA)

Presentations ..... Sis. Carol Johnson (MO)

Announcements ..... Sis. Shirley Featherstone (OK)

Closing Prayer .....Dr. James H. Tucker (OK)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

1:00 p.m. Classes

3:30 p.m. Dismiss from Class

Afternoon Free

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

6:30 p.m. **Minnie E. Anderson/Wesley McDowell Awards Banquet**

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**THURSDAY MORNING**

9:00 a.m. National President's Annual Address ..... Dr. Jerry Young

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

3:00 p.m. Deans Service

**Presiding..... Sis. Juanita Sanders (SC)**  
**Vice President, Southeast Region**

Musical Selection ..... The Voices of Galilee

Words of Wisdom ..... Dr. Sallie N. Titus (MO)  
 Past President NBC Ushers' and Nurses' Auxiliary

Introduction of Dean ..... Minister Tina Turner-Baker

Musical Selection ..... Turner Sisters

Dean's Stewardship Address ..... Dr. Matthew Turner, Dean

Invitation to Discipleship

Acceptance ..... Rev. Joseph Tracy Jr. (IL)

Love Offering..... Bro. Mervin Brown (VA)

Presentations

Adjournment

**To God Be the Glory**



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## **National Baptist Laymen's Movement**

**NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.**

Deacon Willie Burke, President  
Deacon Bill Campbell, General Secretary

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- 10:00 a.m. Laymen's Registration Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Institute Faculty Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Officers and Ministry Leaders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Musical Concert

**TUESDAY MORNING**

- 7:00 a.m. Laymen's Wives and Women Supporters  
25th Annual Prayer Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Official Opening of the 135th Annual Session  
of the NBC, USA, Inc.

**Meetings and Events**

- Daily Laymen Sessions
- Daily Parent Body Session
- 7:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:00 p.m. Evening with the Royal Court
- 7:00 p.m. Musical Concert
- 7:00 p.m. President's Banquet
- 7:40 p.m. John L. Webb Recognition Banquet
- 10:00 p.m. Late-night Service

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON****The National Baptist Laymen's  
92nd Opening Session****Deacon L. C. Mitchell, Vice President (Southwest), Presiding**

- 1:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service..... Deacon Leslie Kendricks  
Vice President, Worship Ministry
- 1:50 p.m. Official Opening..... President Willie Burke
- 2:00 p.m. Social Ministry Report ..... Brother William Graves  
Vice President, Social Ministry
- 2:05 p.m. Foreign Mission Report..... Brother Charlie Richmond
- 2:10 p.m. Special Music
- 2:15 p.m. Introduction of the Speaker ..... President Willie Burke  
(or Appointee)
- Hymn ..... Music Ministry
- Time for the Word..... Rev. Raheem Thomas  
Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
Newark, NJ
- 3:00 p.m. We Study the Word ..... I. V. Reeves  
Vice President
- 5:00 p.m. National Male Chorus Rehearsal ..... Brother John Whitehead



**WEDNESDAY MORNING****Deacon I. V. Reeves, Vice President (Farwest), Presiding**

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer and Praise Service..... Deacon Leslie Kendricks  
Vice President–Worship Ministry
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry Report ..... Leslie Kendricks  
Vice President
- Education Ministry Report..... I. V. Reeves  
Vice President
- 8:50 a.m. Adopt-a-School Ministry ..... Charles Ewing
- 9:15 a.m. Introduction of the Speaker ..... President Burke  
(or Appointee)
- Special Music
- Time for the Word..... Dr. David C. Greene  
Pastor, Linda Vista 2nd Baptist Church  
San Diego, CA
- 9:55 a.m. Remarks and Announcements ..... Willie Burke  
President
- 10:00 a.m. We Study the Word ..... I. V. Reeves  
Vice President

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON****The President's Hour****Deacon Mike Washington, Vice President-at-Large, Presiding**

- 2:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service ..... Deacon Robert Kelley  
Devotions Chairman
- 2:20 p.m. Finance Ministry Report ..... John Glover  
Vice President (Northeast)
- President's Recommendations ..... Bill Campbell  
General Secretary
- 2:30 p.m. Selection..... National Laymen Male Chorus
- 2:50 p.m. Greetings .....National King Brother Sammie Spenser
- 3:00 p.m. Selection..... National Laymen Male Chorus
- 3:10 p.m. Introduction of the President ..... Bill Campbell  
General Secretary
- 3:20 p.m. Selection
- 3:30 p.m. President's 1st Annual Address ..... Deacon Willie Burke
- 4:15 p.m. Selection
- 4:25 p.m. We Show Our Love to Our President..... Brother Dwayne Banks  
Brother William Stallings
- Closing Remarks and Announcements ..... Deacon Willie Burke  
President
- Closing Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. Reception for the President



## **THURSDAY MORNING**

### **Deacon Thad Jones, Vice President (Midwest), Presiding**

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer and Praise Service..... Deacon Leslie Kendricks
- 8:20 a.m. Mission Ministry Report..... L. C. Mitchell  
Vice President
- 8:25 a.m. Wives and Women Supporters  
Report..... Sister Doris Simmons, Chair
- 8:30 a.m. Prison Ministry Report ..... Brother Emerson Turner
- 8:35 a.m. Memorial Period ..... Jerry Williams
- Evangelism/Outreach Report ..... Thad Jones  
Vice President
- Musical Selection
- 9:15 a.m. Remarks and Announcements
- 9:25 a.m. Meet with the Parent Body
- 9:30 a.m. President's Annual Address..... Dr. Jerry Young

## **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**Open**



## THURSDAY EVENING

6:00 p.m.

### **“An Evening with the Royal Family”**

Co-Host: Rev. Shawn L. Buckhanan

Co-Host: Sister Rosalind Buckhanan

Music ..... John Whitehead

### **His Royal Highness 2014–2015**

Arch Duke ..... Sammie Spenser, MS

Duke

Count

### **Heir to the Throne 2015-2016**

Arch Duke

Arch Duchess

Musical Selection ..... National Laymen Male Chorus

Introduction of

Contestants ..... Pastor Shawn Buckhanan, AZ  
Sister Rosalind Buckhanan, AZ

Introduction of the Arch Duke

Musical Selection ..... National Laymen Male Chorus

The King Speaks ..... Brother Sammie Spenser, MS

Roll Call of State Conventions and Introduction  
of the Royal Family 2015–2016..... Brother Jerry Williams

Presentations..... Committee Members

Crowning of the Royal Court

Contestants ..... President Willie Burke  
Chairman William Graves



## **THURSDAY EVENING**

**7:40 p.m.**

### **John L. Webb Recognition and Awards Banquet**

*Toast Master*

Processional

Invocation

Negro National Anthem ..... “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Greetings ..... Brother Charles Wilkes  
 Tennessee State Laymen, President  
 Brother Sammie Spenser, MS  
 Arch Duke 2014–2015

Selection

Hail to the Founder ..... Brother Alvin Moore, AL

Let's Give Thanks

### **\*\*Dinner Is Served\*\***

Musical Renditions

Presentation of John L. Webb Achievement Award ..... Brother I. V. Reeves

Remarks ..... Brother William Graves  
 President Willie Burke

Introduction of Speaker ..... Brother Arthur Robinson

Speaker ..... Rev. Bartholomew Orr  
 Pastor, Brown Missionary Baptist Church  
 Southaven, MS

Blessings of Departure ..... Rev. Bartholomew Orr

**FRIDAY MORNING****Brother William Graves, Vice President (Southeast), Presiding**

8:00 a.m.	Prayer and Praise Service.....	Deacon Leslie Kendricks Vice President–Worship Ministry
8:20 a.m.	General Secretary's Report .....	Brother Bill Campbell
	Evangelism Report .....	Thad Jones Vice President
8:30 a.m.	Special Music.....	Music Ministry
8:35 a.m.	Introduction.....	President Willie Burke
	Selection .....	Music Ministry
	Time for the Word.....	Brother Robert Owens Rome, GA
9:30 a.m.	We Study the Word .....	I. V. Reeves Vice President
11:00 a.m.	Special Music	
11:05 a.m.	Introduction of Speaker .....	Brother Michael Washington
11:10 a.m.	Special Music	
11:15 a.m.	Time for the Word.....	Rev. Carrington Pinder Pastor, St. Mark Baptist Church Nassau, Bahamas
Remarks		
12:00 p.m.	Closing Prayer	



## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

### **Deacon John Glover, Vice President (Northeast), Presiding**

- 1:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service..... Deacon Leslie Kendricks  
Vice President, Worship Ministry
- 1:50 p.m. Special Music..... Music Ministry
- 2:00 p.m. Training and Preparation  
Session..... Brother Michael Washington
- 2:15 p.m. Depart for Street Site

## **Street Evangelistic Service**

### **Bro. Delester Jefferson, Street Evangelism, Presiding**

- 3:00 p.m. Songs of Praise  
Testimonies  
Special Music  
Message  
Invitation to Discipleship  
Closing Prayer  
Eat and Fellowship with Guests and Candidates for Baptism

## **FRIDAY EVENING**

- 7:00 p.m. **Baptism and Communion Service**  
**Deacons' Attire:** *Black Suits, White Shirts, Red Ties,  
White Gloves*

**\*\*Close Out the 135th Annual Session\*\***



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NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

Mrs. Angelique Banks-Coleman ~ President

135TH ANNUAL SESSION

September 7-11, 2015

Memphis, Tennessee

Dr. Jerry Young, Convention President

Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

**“ENVISIONING THE FUTURE  
EXCEPTIONALLY”**

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# *Greetings from President Coleman*

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## **Envisioning the Future Exceptionally . . . “For His Glory”**

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.” (Psalm 29:2, NIV)*

*“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”*

*(Revelation 4:11, NIV)*

Dear Worshipper:

This year our denomination meets in Memphis, the largest city in the state of Tennessee and the largest city on the Mississippi River.

Memphis, called the “Home of the Blues” and the “Birthplace of Rock and Roll,” is home to famous Beale Street, which still attracts thousands of music lovers. Of course, we know the kinship of blues to gospel music. Gospel music borrowed melodies from the blues and gave these melodies sacred text to produce gospel music.

We come to Memphis this year to learn more, to worship more, to fellowship more and to leave knowing more about leading the saints in worship. The psalmist said, “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness” (Psalm 29:2, NIV).

We have classes, workshops, forums, and seminars specifically geared toward those who serve in the worship ministries of their churches, particularly music, dance, and media. This year we are including puppetry. We are certainly looking forward to a Spirit-filled time with the saints in Memphis as well as those from across the country.

We have been planning for your arrival and pray God’s richest blessings on you as you grow in Him this week.

Blessings!

Angelique Banks-Coleman, President  
Music [and Worship Arts] Auxiliary



# MUSIC [and Worship Arts] AUXILIARY PROGRAM

**Meeting Area**  
Memphis, Tennessee

## OFFICERS

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Monday, September 7, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Executive and Staff Team Meeting—  
Prayer and Preparation
- 10:00 a.m.—  
12:00 p.m. **Rehearsals**  
Praise Team—Larry King II, KS, Coordinator  
Dance—Tony Wheatley, IN, Coordinator  
Choir—Minister Eddie Robinson, GA, Coordinator
- 12:00 p.m.—  
1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m. Class (All registrants)  
**Christian Puppetry—Part 1**
- 2:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. **Rehearsals**  
Praise Team—Larry King II, KS, Coordinator  
Dance—Tony Wheatley, IN, Coordinator  
Choir—Minister Eddie Robinson, GA, Coordinator
- 7:00 p.m. **NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION PRE-MUSICAL**  
**Featuring the Tri-State Convention Choir and Special**  
**Guest Artist Tamela Mann**



## **MORNING SESSION**

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**All-Convention Worship  
OFFICIAL OPENING  
135th Annual Session  
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.  
Convention Choir  
(On platform – 9:00 a.m.)**

12:00 p.m.–  
1:30 p.m. Lunch

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Class (All registrants)  
**Christian Puppetry—Part 2**

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Rehearsals**  
Praise Team—Larry King II, KS, Coordinator  
Dance—Tony Wheatley, IN, Coordinator  
Choir—Minister Eddie Robinson, GA, Coordinator

## **EVENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

Worship Leader Angelique Banks Coleman, NY, *President*

7:00 p.m. Opening Celebration .....Praise Team  
Call to Worship  
Hymn of Praise ..... “Let All the People Praise Thee”  
Scripture ..... Psalm 29  
Prayer Hymn ..... “Pray for Me”  
Evening Prayer  
Greetings from Tennessee

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Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**The J. Robert Bradley Scholarship Period**

The Man

The Scholarship Mission and Aim

**Living Legends Presentation**

**Committing Our Gifts for the Work**

Announcements

Introduction of Preacher

Sermonic Preparation Selections

**SERMON**

DR. CLARENCE MOORE, *PASTOR*

GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHEAST REGION

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship/Altar Call

Doxology

Benediction

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**MORNING SESSION**

8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. ***The Priesthood of Dance***

Instructors: Toni Wheatley, IN; and  
Shawuanna Minnifield, MS

***I'm Not Just a Musician...I'm a Servant Leader***

Instructor: Dr. Lamont Johnson, NC



10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ***It's Not Just a Dance...It's a Ministry***

Instructors: Toni Wheatley, IN; and  
Shawuanna Minnifield, MS

***Vocal Health for the Gospel Singer: Using and Caring  
for the Voice***—Part 2

Instructor: Professor Christopher Jordan, AL

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

#### **Media Workshop**

**“Triumphs! Trials! Tips!”**

**“What’s Up with Your Church’s Multimedia Ministry?”**

If *you* have ever worshipped via online streaming, depended on song lyrics and sermon points on sanctuary screens, read your bulletin on your church app, or received a smartphone text message from your Pastor, then *you* have been *impacted* by multimedia at your church.

Whether you are a pastor, officer, worship leader, musician, staffer, servant leader or pew member, *you* are *influenced* by multimedia at your church.

Come share your multimedia triumphs, trials and offer tips. Let others know what’s working, what challenges *you* face, and what questions *you* have. *You* are *invited* to join in as a panelist or participant in this lively and engaging one-hour discussion.

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Rehearsals**

Praise Team—Larry King II, KS, Coordinator

Dance—Tony Wheatley, IN, Coordinator

Choir—Minister Eddie Robinson, GA, Coordinator





## **EVENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS**

ANDRE CROUCH MEMORIAL CONCERT

Worship Leader	Dr. LaMont J. Johnson Sr., <i>Vice President at-Large</i>
7:00 p.m.	Opening Celebration ..... Praise Team
	Presidential March ..... "Anthem of Praise"
	Call to Worship
	Hymn of Praise ..... "No, Not One"
	Scripture ..... Psalm 135:1-6
	Prayer Hymn ..... "He Is Lord"
	Prayer
	Worship in Song ..... Convention Choir
	Greetings ..... Special Guests
	Introduction of the President ..... Dr. James R. Banks II, Pastor Faith Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York
	Worship in Song

### **ANNUAL ADDRESS**

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**Andre Crouch Memorial Concert**

Minister Eddie Robinson, Director

Brother David Curry, Director

Announcements

Closing Remarks and Benediction

Dr. Norman Coleman, President

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Thursday, September 10, 2015

**MORNING SESSION**

8:30 a.m.

**All-Convention Worship**

**President's Hour**

**Dr. Jerry Young**

Convention Choir

*(On Platform—8:30 a.m.)*

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Voice Master Class ..... Angela Yvonne Stockdale

Voice Professor, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

**“Vocal Techniques to Perfect Your Musical Praise”**

2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. **Rehearsals**

Dance—Tony Wheatley, IN, Coordinator

3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. **Rehearsals**

Choir—Minister Eddie Robinson, GA, Coordinator

Praise Team—Larry King II, KS, Coordinator



Thursday, September 10, 2015

**EVENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**Tri-state Night—Praise Night**

Worship Leader           The Reverend Dr. Haywood Robinson, MD, *Vice President*,  
 Northeast Region

7:30 p.m.                Opening Celebration ..... Praise Team  
 Call to Worship  
 Hymn of Praise ..... “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”  
 Scripture ..... Colossians 3:15-17  
 Prayer Hymn ..... “Thank You, Lord”  
 Prayer

Guest choirs, groups, and soloists from the Tri-state area

Announcements  
Doxology  
Benediction



Friday, September 11, 2015

**MORNING SESSION**

9:00 a.m.                **Rehearsals**  
 Praise Team—Larry King II, KS, Coordinator  
 Dance—Tony Wheatley, IN, Coordinator  
 Choir—Minister Eddie Robinson, GA, Coordinator

11:00 a.m.                **Reassembly**  
**Closing Auxiliary Celebration**

Opening Celebration ..... Praise Team  
 Scripture ..... Ephesians 6:10-18  
 Prayer



Hymn of Praise ..... “Praise Him”  
Period of Reflection, Rededication, and Thanksgiving

12:00 p.m.

Doxology  
Benediction

12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Officers and Executive Staff Lunch, and Debrief, and  
2016 Annual Session Planning

### **EVENING SESSION**

7:00 p.m.

Convention Choir  
(*On platform—6:30 p.m.*)

### **ALL-CONVENTION WORSHIP ORDINANCE WORSHIP CELEBRATION**







