

SAVE THE DATE

- Important Dates for 2016:
- Congress of Christian Education June 27-30, 2016; New St. Hurricane 3319 Ohio St; Pine Bluff Rev. Easter, Host Pastor
- RABC Women's Aux. Christian Leadership Conference 2016; Sept 16-17 @ Rock of Ages, Maumelle, Rev. James Mackey, Host Pastor
- National Bapt Convention, USA, Inc. Sept 5-9, 2016, Kansas City, MO

Inside this issue:

- From the President's Pen 1
- A Note from the President of the Congress 1
- Travel Info for the National Convention 1
- 82nd Annual Young People's Convention 2
- 72nd Annual Congress of Christian Education 2
- Flint Water Project 2016 2

Regular Arkansas Baptist Convention, Inc.

www.reg-arbaptist.org

Helping Equip the Lord's People
Ephesians 4:11 - 12

The Gospel Guild

Volume 4 Issue 1



June 2016



**Pastor James E. Mackey,
President**

...From the President's Pen

It is with great pleasure and a privilege to write to you to express how proud I am to be blessed to lead such an outstanding group of constituents. I stand in awe at the greatness of the Lord and how He can use us to work together to do wonderful things with the community of believers who strive in building the Kingdom of God.

As we concentrate on our convention theme, "Helping Equip the Lord's People," Ephesians 4:11-12, we realize that it will take each of us working together to complete the mighty task set before us. We want to be found equipping the saints for the work of the

ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ.

We praise God for our past President, Dr. James S. Thrower, and his staff, for caring and sharing and for all the hard work that was put into bringing our convention to this point. We also thank our Woman's President, Sis. Nina Glover and her staff for the magnificent work they have done and are doing to impact the lives of women under our purview. The Young People's Department has repeatedly proven to be a strong spiritual part of our convention with a mighty work passed down from Sis. Jacqueline Washington to our new Director, Sis. Cynthia Baker. The 82nd Annual Young People's Convention opened with another week dedicated to Christian Education. They have managed to bring together hundreds of like-minded people from all areas of

our great state to learn, grow, and worship Christ together. It is our prayer that many will accept Christ as Savior and rededicate their lives with a new level of commitment to serve God in a multiplicity of capacities.

As we gather momentum for the coming fruitful events for our constituency, we ask for the prayers of the saints for all of our convention auxiliary leaders, as we engage in Kingdom building in a faithful and dedicated way.

KANSAS 2016

Have Bus? Will Travel
You're invited to join the Women's Auxiliary for travel to the
National Baptist Convention
Kansas City, MO
September 5-9, 2016
There's still room on the bus!
Interested? Please call
Sis. Ruthene Kelley
(870-671-4426)



Dr. O. D. Woods

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

It is with gratitude and honor that I greet you as President of the Regular Arkansas Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education. I count it all joy and a privilege to serve you in this capacity and to work with such an awesome team. Our congress serves with the mission to provide Christian Education opportunities that will equip, empower, and engage the members of our churches, associations, and convention in the work of the kingdom.

Our annual session will be held the week of June 27- June 30, 2016 at the New St. Hurricane Missionary Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Rev. Derick Easter, Pastor. We look forward to the full participation of all of our staff, vice presidents, Deans, secretaries, students, etc. Our leadership team will continue to work diligently to assemble a wholesome program of certified studies and enrichment courses, spirit filled worship, and fellowship activities for all youth and adult delegates.

Our prayer is that all will join us in our upcoming educational sessions. If further information is needed, please contact me via email: odwoods86@att.net or by phone: [903-824-7759](tel:903-824-7759).



Cynthia Baker

Welcome to our new Director, **Sis. Cynthia Baker** of Central District! The 82nd Annual Young People's Convention was held June 12 - 16, 2016 and convened with the Pilgrim Progress MBC in North Little Rock. The theme was "Created to Worship" Genesis 1:27 & John 4:23. There were 668 delegates who took advantage of Christian Education classes which covered the topic of worship for all ages, along with other activities to draw young people into the worship arena. The week began with a roaring concert from gospel recording artist Kierra 'Kiki' Sheard who pounded out a heart-rending performance with a special word for all of our young people. She was quite an inspiration. Classes began on Monday morning and the evening was ended with a mind-blowing rendition of music from the young men and Bible-based preaching from Rev. Xavier Diamond and three young ministers in the Minister's Forum. Tuesday evening consisted of a night of worship and praise from the State Praise Team, State Praise Dance Team, and the 200 voice Young People's Mass Choir under the direction of that dynamic duo, Lakita and Ricky Porter. On Wednesday, all enjoyed the Oratorical Contest, Rose Petal Pageant, Step Praise Competition, and the Wedding of Roses. Every event was well attended and all participants displayed their best talent. Of the various competitions, the districts most frequently awarded was Southeast, followed by Central. The young people had a great time and are looking forward to **#State2017**. We bade farewell to Sis. Regina Davenport who coordinated activities for the Sunshine Band/Children's Division and Ricky/Lakita Porter. Each of these workers will be greatly missed! We wish them Godspeed in their future endeavors.



Welcome to **Dr. Ronald Laurent**, Dean-RABC Congress. The 72nd Annual Congress of Christian Education will be held June 27-30, 2016 @ New St. Hurricane MBC, located @ 3319 S. Ohio St. in Pine Bluff. The Congress theme is: The Congress that Helps to Equip the Lord's People Thru Building Up the Body of Christ: Ephesians 4:12 and Hebrews 13:21. Students/delegates may earn up to 3 Course Cards for COPP. Classes in block schedule are as follows:

Block A: Monday/Tuesday-8:00-3:45 pm

- 1079:Survey of John/Dr. Balenton
- 2080:Missionary ED/Sis. Glover
- 4012:Doctrine-Holy Spirit/Rev. Alexander

- 5001:Intro-Leadership/Rev. Mackey
- 6021:Spiritual Formation/Rev. Wright
- 7001:Healthy Churches/Rev. Tyus
- 7015:Church Growth-Seminar/Rev. Thompson
- 8017:Ministry-Ushering/Sis. Twillie
- 8066:Contemporary Issues/Rev. Meadows
- 9910:Church/Clergy Conflicts/Dr. Agee
- 9922:Role/Black Church/Dr. Ramey

Students in Blocks A/B may earn one course card from each session; those in Block C will earn one course card. Youth Congress will also be held; info may be obtained during this session.

Block B: Wed/Thurs-8:00-3:45 p.m.

- 1079:Survey of John/Dr. Balenton
- 2080:Missionary ED/Sis. Glover
- 4012:Doctrine-Holy Spirit/Rev. Alexander

- 5001:Intro-Leadership/Rev. Mackey
- 6021:Spiritual Formation/Rev. Wright
- 7001:Healthy Churches/Rev. Tyus
- 7015:Church Growth/Rev. Thompson
- 8017:Ministry-Ushering/Sis. Twillie
- 8066:Contemporary Issues/Rev. Meadows
- 9910:Church/Clergy Conflicts/Dr. Agee
- 9922:Role/Black Church/Dr. Ramey

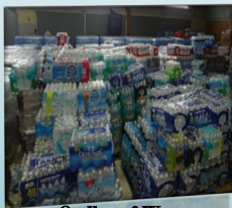
Block C: Mon-Thurs-5:00-7:00 p.m.

- 2018:ED Task of the Church/Rev. Castle
- 2083: ED for Mission/Dr. Parker
- 2087:Christian View-Homosexuality/Sis. Castle

- 5012:Effective Deacon/Rev. Guley
- 5015:Role Deacon's Wife/Sis. Laurent
- 6013:Org Christian ED/Sis. Simon
- 7018:Christian Black Woman/Sis. Parker
- 8016:Youth Violence/Rev. Smith
- 8035:Social Justice/Rev. Glenn Barnes
- 9914:Church/Community/Dr. Woods

Photo Blog - Flint Water Project - 2016

Courtesy of Rev. Leroy C. Wright, President/Disaster Relief for Home and Foreign Mission



Oodles of Water



L to R: Rev. Harris, Rev. King, **Rev. Wright**, Rev. McKenney



L to R: Rev KC McKenney, Mayor Karen Weaver, **Rev Leroy Wright**, & Rev. Steven King



L to R: Rev. King, **Rev. Wright**, Rev. McKenney



With Mr. Kerry Nelson

