

SAVE THE DATE

- Important Dates for 2014:
- Sep 12-13, 2014 Woman's Auxiliary 12th Annual Christian Leadership Conference/Woman's Day, convening with Ozan District Baptist Association, 1800 Dudley St., Texarkana, AR; Dr. O. D. Woods, Host Pastor
- November 10-13, 2014 80th RABC Annual Session convening with St. James MBC, Fort Smith, AR; Rev. Gary Hinkle, Host Pastor

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Dr. James S. Thrower, Sr.,
President

...FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I hope this communication finds each of you in the best of health and welfare. Further, that you are enjoying the weather that summertime brings. It has been some time since we've spoken about our convention and its needs.

The summer began with the RABC Young People's Dept. with a bang! The New St. Hurricane Baptist Church joyfully received us in a magnificent way. I offer thanks to them. We also journeyed to Greater Pleasant Branch MBC and again, were received as

friends and neighbors. Our annual session is fast approaching, along with the end of our fiscal year, which takes place in November. We look forward to the end of this year by giving glory to God in Christ Jesus as we convene with the churches of Antioch District, specifically St. James Baptist Church.

I hope that you are preparing to be blessed and be a blessing during the annual session. Let's put on our thinking caps and prepare for next year. God has destined us to be the Convention that *Cares and Shares Jesus Christ Obedient to His Word Through our Service*. All departments are expected to establish vision for the

cause of Christ during this session. I hope to see you there in the name of our Christ.

Just before annual session, the country will engage in off-season elections. I pray you take the advantage of exercising your right to vote. Each time I think of voting, I am reminded of those who have gone on before us and made this opportunity possible. *Don't let this day pass without casting your vote!*



Rev. Robert J. Thompson

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary:

Grace to you and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am writing this article to answer a common question often posed to my staff and me regarding registration. Registration fees depend upon whether or not your church or association is participates in the Unified Budget Program and is current before the session convenes. Please keep in mind that registration for Unified Budget churches/districts and onsite registration for churches/districts is different.

In 2007, the convention voted to set onsite church registration at \$150, allowing each church for six (6) delegates for this amount. District associations that register onsite are to do so with \$300, allowing two (2) delegates with this amount. Additional delegates beyond these limits are assessed @ \$10 per delegate. Individuals who wish to attend the session that do not represent a church or district are required to register with \$50. This registration is in addition to ancillary fees assessed for state officers, moderators, pastors, ministers, etc., that have been approved by the convention. The additional fees are generally department, auxiliary, or committee specific; however, they should all be presented to and approved by the convention before being placed into practice. Upon approval, they should be paid as indicated. It is my desire to provide more details regarding registration in the next issue of our newsletter. In the meantime, this information is not to be construed as presenting all the nuances of this important part of our convention's operation. As I end this segment, please note that everyone who comes to a meeting should first register prior to attending the session.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the RABC will host it's 12th Annual Woman's Day and Christian Leadership Conference on September 12-13, 2014 at Ozan District Baptist Association located at 1800 Dudley St., Texarkana, AR; Dr. O. D. Woods, Moderator of Little River District will serve as the Host Pastor. The theme is "The Convention that Cares and Shares Jesus Christ Obedient to His Word Through Our Service: Women's Auxiliary Specific Theme: Biblical Instructions to Stimulate Women to Progress from Hearers to Doers; scriptural text: James 1:22-27. Sis. Geanenita Darlington-Kelly, the Pastor's Wife of Haney Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ashdown, AR, will serve as the featured speaker. Pre-Registration is \$20/\$25 on-site, and includes enrollment in two Christian Education classes of the attendees choice:

Friday Evening, September 12, 2014/6:00 p.m.:

1. **Biblical Instruction:** Bridling the Tongue-Sis. Linda Walker, Little River District
2. **Biblical Instruction:** Defining and Obtaining Spiritual Liberty-Sis. Ruthene Kelley, Central District
3. **Biblical Instruction:** Becoming More Than Hearers-Sis. Earsline Turner, Greater. St. Marion District
4. **Biblical Instruction:** Developing Into a Do-Be Woman-Sis. Nina Glover, Ozan District
5. **Biblical Instruction:** The Woman in the Mirror-Sis. Berthenia Gill, Middlewestern District
6. **Biblical Instruction:** Avoiding Participation in Character Assassination-Sis. Labricha Collins, Ozan District
7. **Biblical Instruction:** Defining Spiritual Gifts: Identifying My Calling-Sis. Shelia Thrower, Golden Rule District
8. **Biblical Instruction:** Fruit-Bearers-Sis. Denise Riley, Little River District
9. **Biblical Instruction:** The Peril of Forgetfulness-Sis. Gwen Bunch, Northeastern District

Saturday Morning, September 13, 2014/9:00 a.m.:

1. **Biblical Instruction:** Effectively Managing the Pitfalls in Service-Sis. Yvonne Boone-Ozan District
2. **Biblical Instruction:** Heart Circumcision: Cutting Away the Fluff-Sis. Linda Linton-Antioch District
3. **Biblical Instruction:** Christianity=Service-Sis. Alma Washington, Northeastern District
4. **Biblical Instruction:** Spiritual Obedience-Sis. Doris Thomas-PLM & D
5. **Biblical Instruction:** How to Become a Godly Woman-Sis. Margaret Gatson, Central District
6. **Biblical Instruction:** The Difference Between Gifts and Talents-Sis. Carlene Canady, Middlewestern District
7. **Biblical Instruction:** What is Pure Religion-Sis. Linda Buffington, Southeast District
8. **Biblical Instruction:** How to Live Unspotted from the World-Sis. Jackie Washington, Southeast District
9. **Biblical Instruction:** Christian Duty, Christian Responsibility: Is There a Difference-Sis. Rose Eskridge, Golden Rule District

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Women's Day Worship
2:00 p.m.

Speaker:
Sis. Geanenita Darlington-Kelly,
Haney Creek MBC
Ashdown, AR

Theme: The Real Mission
of Mission
James 1:22-27



Sis. Kelly, a native of Mansfield, LA, is the eldest of six siblings. She has been married to Pastor Lorenzo Kelly (Haney Creek MBC-Ashdown, AR) for eight years, after God blended two families. They have six children, Shenna, Lorenzo, Desiree, Sade, Jasmine, and Brittany. Her hero is her mother, Juanita Fuller, a two time breast cancer survivor who never gave up. Geanenita currently serves as the Assistant Vice President/Store Manager with Wells-Fargo Bank where she has been employed for twenty-eight years. She relocated to the Texarkana area from Dallas where she and her family have lived for three years. She partnered with several non-profits in Texas and Arkansas to teach money management. Her primary focus has been to educate the community on increasing wealth, getting smart about credit, and multiple ways one can grow their money; thereby enhancing their financial stability. She volunteers with Junior Achievement, TISD, AISD, LEISD, Girl Scouts of America, Texarkana Wounded Warrior, Texarkana Housing Authoring, The Healing Place, and the United Way. She is an active member of the Texarkana Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She knows that God is her Pilot and strength. Her motto is "We are all Servants of God and I am my brother's keeper with a servant heart."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Woman's Auxiliary encourages all ladies in our convention to begin to prepare for our annual session to be held @ St. James Baptist Church in Fort Smith, AR; Rev. Gary Hinkle will serve as the Host Pastor. Registration is \$10. Our Christian Education theme is The Transforming Power of God's Word. We also urge your continued support of the Plus \$5 Drive. Please mail your payments (one time-\$60 or \$5/monthly) to Sis. Helen Holloway PO Box 415, DeValls Bluff, AR 72041. Questions: please call Sis. Nina Glover (903) 244-3398/(903) 793-1357 (H). District Presidents also have additional info.

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