

# Regular Arkansas Missionary Baptist State Convention

*The convention that cares and shares Jesus Christ  
Spreading the Word of the Kingdom*

## The Gospel Guild

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### \*SAVE THE DATE\*

- Extended Session-  
January 4, 2012  
information
- Important Dates to  
Remember:
- Planning Session YPD  
February 4, 2012,  
time/place: TBA
- Congress Board  
Meeting, March 13,  
2012 @ McGhee  
Chapel, Dr. G. L.  
Sanders, Pastor
- Morris Booker Wil-  
liams Founders Day  
March 13, 2012 @ St.  
Paul MBC, Rev. War-  
ren Strickland,,  
Pastor
- Home/Foreign Mission  
Convention April 17-  
19, 2012 @ First  
Baptist Church,  
Forrest City, Rev.  
S.W. Baker, Pastor

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Dr. James S. Thrower, Sr.,  
President

## ...From the President's Pen

Please allow me to express my thanks to the convention for granting me another opportunity to serve as your president during our annual session in November. Through the tension of the political process your voice was clearly heard. My love and friendship is still extended to my worthy opponent, Dr. Arthur Hughes Jr., moderator of the P.L.M.&D. Baptist District Association.

Our theme for the new year, 2012, is the Convention that Cares and Shares Jesus Christ-Spreading the Word of

the Kingdom. In the past, we have discovered the boundaries of our work for the Kingdom. We now focus on Christ's message to the world. Education must be heart of our work this year. I look forward to the challenge.

The Extended Session will be held on January 4, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Union Baptist Church in Morrilton, Arkansas, pastored by Rev. Henry Anderson. We will only meet one day.

I, along with my family, extend to all of you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and bountiful new year.



### Hotel Lodging for the Ex- tended Session

Rev. Henry Anderson  
Three lodging facilities have been secured should you desire to spend the night. They are as follows:

Days Inn  
1506 Oak St.  
(501) 354-5101

10 rooms have been blocked  
4 @ \$63, plus tax  
2 @ \$57, plus tax.  
and

America's Best Value  
356 Hwy 95 North  
(888) 614-1750

4 @ \$63.80, plus tax  
2 @ \$65, plus tax

Additionally a private home has been made available @ the following rates:

2 @ \$80 w/breakfast  
2 @ \$70 no breakfast

3 couples @ \$140 w/ breakfast  
Contact Ruby Burgess @ (501)  
590-2205. This location is  
across the street from the  
church.

### Morris Booker Williams Community Resource Center Report-Board of Directors

Most of us readily agree that Morris Booker Williams Community Resource Center has served the Regular AR Missionary Baptist Convention for many years, providing Christian Education for conventioners and others throughout the state of AR. Currently, the center provides an **in-kind (free)** community youth service program that has enhanced the youth activities for the city of Dermott. The After School program offers tutoring and training in computer skills to help students become productive citizens. It serves 150-200 students, daily. Unfortunately, there are no funds to support the \$160,000 tab for roof repairs on the library, gym, daycare, cafeteria, as well as other items for building maintenance. The building's current appraisal value is \$70,000 determined during a recent on-site appraisal. A Town Hall meeting for the purpose of creating a partnership between the Dermott community, Regular AR Baptist Convention, the State, county and city governments, was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011. Please call Sis. Barbara Webb, President of Women for Southeast District and Morris Booker Williams Community Resource Center Board Member for additional details by Email @: [bjwrw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjwrw@sbcglobal.net) or you may call her @ (870) 222-6518.

Financial Report 77th Annual Session

Sis. Helen Holloway

Financial Report of the 77th Annual Session of the Regular AR Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary, convened @ Miles Chapel CME, 1004 Ash St., Texarkana, AR, November 14-18, 2011.

- ◆ Total registered—70 (27/43 on site)
- ◆ Total raised during session from all sources—\$7,508.75
- ◆ Fashion Share Luncheon: \$885.
- ◆ Lesser Coin Project: \$1304
- ◆ Women in White: \$442
- ◆ Offerings: \$356.75
- ◆ Prayer Breakfast: 370
- ◆ State Officers: \$670
- ◆ President's March: \$1,071
- ◆ Memorials for Leila Jones & Pearl Gilyard: \$50
- ◆ Registration-(Personal, Mission Societies, Mission Presidents, Minister/Deacon's Wives, District Women): \$2,360

\*\*Please remember that the representation fees for the annual session apply during the extended session for those who did not previously register.

The Lesser Coin Project—Sis. Gwen Bunch, Chairperson

A gigantic thank you to all presidents and their districts that have already participated in The Lesser Coin Project. With continued effort, we can reach our goal of \$300/per district. Cypress Creek, North Arkansas, Southeast, and Northeast reached the requested goal. Antioch, Little River, and Ozan have made an initial contribution. We can reach 100% participation from all of our districts. Presidents may bring monies to the extended session. Please submit all funds to Sis. Helen Holloway (870) 998-2524. During the extended session, the district that contributes the most will be honored with a plaque w/the district and their president's names. Please remember that many children/adults benefit from the services offered @ Morris Booker Williams, daily. This project will assist with repairs to the roof of the facility. Again, thanks you for all you've done and will continue to do. I look forward to seeing you @ the extended session.

On October 29, 2011 the Regular St. Marion District Association. honored 2 of the senior pastors in the community: Rev. James Wilkerson of the New Direction MBC and Rev. G. L. Ford of Rose Hill MBC. Rose Hill hosted the worship and Dr. Arthur Hughes provided the message—"Don't Throw Me Away." Rev. George H. Barnes, Sr., Congress President Ms. Rosetta Madison, Women's President Rev. Lee Whitiker, Moderator

Young People's Department  
Sis. Jacqueline Washington, Director  
Season's Greetings Everyone!

It is that time to mark your calendar for our 2012 Young People's Convention! I am really excited for this upcoming session.

I know that most of you may need to set vacation time for next year before this year is over. *Our general session will begin Sunday night, June 10th and end Friday morning, June 13, 2012.* We will, again, convene @ Rock of Ages MBC, Rev. James Mackey, Pastor, Maumelle, AR.

We have made a "LOT" of changes and I am looking forward to share them with all youth directors and workers on February 4, 2012 (time/place of meeting TBA).

**GET READY TO BE BLESSED during the TWENTY TWELVE SESSION!**  
We are preparing a session filled with CELEBRATION AND PRAISE!!

The other directors and I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season as you concentrate on the real reason for the season!

The Women's Auxiliary of Golden Rule District MB Association will host their Annual Women's Retreat "God's Radiant Daughters—Keeping the Faith thru Adversity-Domestic Violence on Saturday, February 11, 2012 @ Mercy Seat Baptist Church. Please call Diana Peterson @ (501) 663-3924 for details re: registration.

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The Woman's Auxiliary monthly conference call will occur on the 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. The call-in number is (712) 432-0180, access code:

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