

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND VICINITY
74TH ANNUAL SESSION COURSE OFFERINGS

Monday, May 8-12, 2017 ♦ 6:30PM Nightly ♦ Central High School ♦ 200 Cabin Branch Road, Capitol Heights, MD

- B104** **How to Read and Study the Bible (Rev. A. Michael Black)** – This course identifies methods and approaches to Bible study that can lead to spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Students will be exposed to the three major steps of methodical Bible study, along with resources to aid personal study.
- 99** **Spiritual Warfare (Rev. Carl Que Hickerson)** – God calls us to a deeper relationship in Him. A confident Christian should recognize the subtle wickedness of Satan, and his attempt to infiltrate the church through the members. This class is designed to teach students to encourage themselves and to claim victory during the test.
- 127.27/1112** **The Book of Revelation (Dr. John T. Rhodes)** – This course will focus on the Book of Revelation with emphases on authorship, date, theme, and recipients. The prophetic themes, symbols, and interpretations of various revelations will be discussed.
- 132.1** **The Church and Gentrification (Rev. Louis B. Jones II)** – Learn how churches that stay "woke" or in tune with the real challenges of gentrification find great opportunities for ministry, engage in life transformation, and create sacred spaces where all people can experience the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ.
- 145.22** **The Church and Mental Health (Dr. André Ivy)** – This course will discuss ways to equip your church with the tools it needs to serve those who have mental disabilities and their families.
- 216A** **Exploring the Bible with Children (Ages 3-5: Sister Evelyn D. W. Jones)** – This class will offer exciting, fun activities for children as they explore the Bible and learn stories of old.
- 216B** **Exploring the Bible with Children (Ages 6-8: Sister Ida Ware)** – This class will offer exciting, fun activities for children as they explore the Bible and learn stories of old.
- 216C** **Exploring the Bible with Children (Ages 9-12: Sister Wanda Okoro)** – This class will offer exciting, fun activities for children as they explore the Bible and learn stories of old.
- 316.B** **Rites of Passage (Teen Boys: Rev. Curtis McLaughlin)** – This course uses a Rites of Passage model that impacts the lives of adolescent youth males, teaching the importance of maintaining Christian beliefs and spiritual growth as they “come of age” in today’s society. The curriculum is designed to spiritually empower young men to lift the name of Jesus in their actions and thoughts, in school, home, church and social outings, developing a unique opportunity for each boy to be challenged, honored and supported to be the best he can be.
- 316.G** **Rites of Passage (Teen Girls: Rev. Tanya Williams)** – This course uses a Rites of Passage model that impacts the lives of adolescent youth females, teaching the importance of maintaining Christian beliefs and spiritual growth as they “come of age” in today’s society. The curriculum is designed to spiritually empower young women to lift the name of Jesus in their actions and thoughts, in school, home, church and social outings, developing a unique opportunity for each girl to be challenged, honored and supported to be the best she can be.
- 409.8** **Building Healthy Churches (Rev. Tyrone Queen)** – This course is designed to help leaders in local churches understand the importance of being a healthy church in the community. Various biblical principles will be studied to effectively move a stagnant ministry to becoming a flourishing congregation.
- 421.2** **Strengthening Your Prayer Life (Dr. Maxwell M. Washington)** – As a disciple of Christ, prayer is essential and provides the opportunity to gain new strengths, new insights, and new affirmations on your daily journey with God. This class will help you to enhance your prayer life and order your steps by joining others in journaling and developing daily prayer concerns and techniques in your prayer life.

- 510.7 Transformational Leadership (Dr. Rodney Teal)** – This course will expose leaders to cutting edge trends and methodologies for harnessing new strategies and technical tools to effectively minister to the 21st century church.
- 524.3 Practical Teaching Clinic (Rev. Khalfani Drummer)** – This clinic will equip teachers with practical ideas they can use in their classrooms. Students will practice the principles they are learning in class.
- 630.3 Reaching Millennials (Rev. Osaze Murray)** – This class is designed for pastors, church leaders, youth and young adult leaders, educators, and others who teach youth and young adults. Participants will hear national trends on the state and condition of the church and why millennials drop out; gain valuable insights on generational characteristics and differences; and discover how millennials view the church. Students will learn practical steps and strategies to rescue this generation, move forward, bridge the generational gap within the culture of the church, and reach a dying world with the hope of Jesus Christ.
- 660 Deacons in the Black Church (Dr. Gregory Baldwin)** – This course will teach Deacons their biblical foundation and duties, as well as their relationship to the Pastor and service to the membership of the church.
- 661 The Work of the Church Trustee (Dr. Carson Wise)** – This course will focus on the responsibilities of trustees. Students will be introduced to the work and role of trustees in the church.
- 662 The Role of the Deaconess (Deaconess Fran Jones)** – Participants will gain knowledge of the relationship of Deaconess and servant ministry. This class will provide an understanding of the building up of the women of the church. It offers the challenge to move beyond the communion table in the local church.
- 830.4 Ministry for Youth Directors (Rev. Nat Obey)** – This course deals with practical, simple ways of discovering needs and interests of youth, focusing on and appreciating the normal developing process of adolescents and studying the problems peculiar to them.
- 855.1 Women in Ministry Seminar (Dr. Kecia Ford)** – This course provides an overview of how a woman’s spiritual gifts, personality, experiences, cares/passions, interests, abilities and life gifts (talents) make her special and contribute to her God-given purpose, equipping her to minister. The objectives in this course will be to develop awareness and ability to match the gifts and strengths with appropriate ministry positions.
- 900 Ministers’ Seminar (Rev. Terry Streeter)**
- Mon, May 8th:** Lecture - “**The Pastor and Social Justice,**” Pastor Dexter Nutall, New Bethel BC
 - Tue, May 9th:** Lecture – “**The Church and Social Media,**” Sis. Kimberlee Baker, Mt. Pleasant BC
Sermon – Pastor Michael Palmer, Bethesda BC
 - Wed, May 10th:** Panel Discussion – “**What I wish My Pastor Understood About Millennials**”
Sermon – Rev. Justin T. Rhodes, Trinidad BC
 - Thu, May 11th:** Lecture – “**Why Conventions?**” Pastor Keith Byrd, Zion BC
Sermon – Pastor A.C. Durant, Tenth Street BC
 - Fri, May 12th:** Sermon – Pastor George C. Gilbert, Sr., Holy Trinity United BC
- 901 Ministers’ Wives Seminar (Lady Pam Barksdale and Lady Vanessa Hilliard)** – This course will explore the issues and challenges that ministers’ wives face today.
- 910.5 The Church and Social Justice (Rev. Winston Ridley)** – Social justice is at the very heart of Christian discipleship and faith. This course will assist students in constructing a biblical framework through which to understand and evaluate how God’s righteousness applies to ethical topics important in personal life, family relationships, the Christian community, and contemporary society.
- 919.9 Growing the Church through Social Media (Rev. Marquez Ball)** – Technology and social media is the new way of communicating with your members and the community. This course will help students identify ways of using social media as an enhancement to growing their churches.

- 920** **Dynamics of Praise and Worship (Rev. Carlos Younger)** – This course will help students understand the components of worship and how it is impacted by changes in the variety of worship styles today. Students will enhance their knowledge of the elements of worship and how to plan an effective service with the pastor.
- 930.1** **Discipleship Training (Dr. Eric Baldwin)** – This course is designed to teach believers their responsibility to Christ; the importance of Scripture and living a spirit-controlled life; and why it is important to carry out *The Great Commission* through their own personal witness.
- 950** **Church Law Made Simple (Rev. J. Michael Little)** – The course is designed to help pastors, administrators, and trustees keep abreast of new laws and changes in existing practices that may impact the local congregation.
- 1001** **Let it Go! (Dr. Alvin Dockett)** – Why have you not forgiven? This course will teach you to “LET IT GO,” to get released not only from unforgiveness but also pain, guilt and shame.
- 1226.18** **The Book of Job (Rev. Wallis C. Baxter III)** – This course will explore the themes found in the book of Job. Students will examine themes such as the theodicy of God as it relates to human suffering. They will be able to identify various responses to suffering and investigate how the text relates to suffering in the 21st century.
- 1500** **Elder Care (Deacon Alexander Williams, Facilitator)** – This class will give information, guidance and resources concerning the medical and legal issues unique to elderly loved ones.
- 5925** **The Black Presence in the Bible (Nana Rudolph Stewart III)** – It’s in there!
- 8000** **Building Godly Men (Rev. John McCoy)** – Bringing our lives into submission to God’s will in everything is the key to being a godly man. Come learn the “how-tos.”
- 8002** **Being a Godly Woman (Lady Edna Owens)** – Bringing our lives into submission to God’s will in everything is the key to being a godly woman. Come learn the “how-tos.”