

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***

- Important Dates for 2015:
- Extended Session January
- November 10-13, 2014  
80th RABC Annual Session convening with St. James MBC, Fort Smith, AR; Rev. Gary Hinkle, Host Pastor
- RABC Extended Session January 7, 2015 @ Little River District, Ashdown, Arkansas, Dr. O. D. Woods, Moderator
- National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc-Mid-Winter Board Meeting January 12-16, 2015 Jackson Convention Complex-Jackson, MS. For more info visit: [www.nationalbaptist.com](http://www.nationalbaptist.com)

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Obedient to His Word Through Our Service  
James 1:22-27*



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Dr. James S. Thrower, Sr.,  
President

## ...FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

November 10-13, 2014 marks the time for our 80th Annual State Convention to be held in Fort Smith, Arkansas and will be hosted by Rev. Gary Hinkle, Pastor of St. James Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In order to be able to fully accommodate the delegates that will be attending the convention, we have had to make location arrangements. Those changes are as follows:

The Parent Body will meet at St. James Baptist Church, 4225 High St.

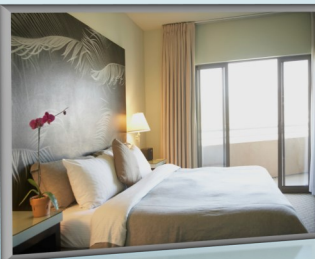
The Moderator's, Pastors, and Ministers Division, as well as all evening services will be held at the same location. The phone number is (479) 782-5756.

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet at First Baptist Church, 3110 Kelley Highway, Dr. Ellis Robinson. The phone number is (479) 783-8838. The Fashion Share, will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall at St. James (parent body) @ 12:00 p.m. following the Health Retreat. President Glover looks forward to the presence of our state women who recently selected a new motto: Regular Arkansas Women ROCK-reaching others for Christ's Kingdom: Are YOU a ROCKER?

The Laymen will meet at Mission Point MBC, 3221 N. 52nd St. Dr. A. T. Bell is the Pastor. Their number is (479) 785-1165. President Coleman looks forward to seeing the state laymen in attendance.

The Ushers/Nurses will meet at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 4503 Young St.; Rev. Jerry L. Jennings is the Pastor. Their number is (479) 783-2433. Bro. Fuller urges the state ushers and nurses to plan to attend.

**ANNOUNCING  
THE 80TH ANNUAL SESSION  
REGULAR ARKANSAS BAPTIST  
CONVENTION, INC.**  
DR. JAMES S. THROWER, SR., PRESIDENT  
CONVENING WITH  
ST. JAMES MBC  
REV. GARY HINKLE, PASTOR  
FORT SMITH, AR  
NOVEMBER 10 - 13, 2014



Convention Lodging is as follows:

Headquarters Hotel:  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Downtown Fort Smith  
900 Rogers Ave.  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
(479) 783-2100  
\$83/nightly with full breakfast

Holiday Inn City Center  
700 Rogers Ave.  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
(479) 783-1000  
\$70/nightly with Continental Breakfast



Rev. Robert J. Thompson

I received the following email from one of the constituents of the convention because we had communicated earlier about representation during the convention. The basis of her second communication with me is the result of the inconsistency in our message about registration. Here is an excerpt from the content of her message:

“Please excuse me. I do not intend to be a nuisance, but, in light of the information I have received that is headed, “Basis of Representation Woman’s Auxiliary.” I am afraid I am, once, again, confused. According to this information. Districts represent with \$150. Is this a separate \$150.00 for the District Women’s Auxiliary? District Presidents, according to this information, represent with \$35.00. So, then, to represent my district woman’s auxiliary, do I need to pay a total of \$185.00, in addition to registering as a general member with \$50.00?”

This is the very reason why I asked to provide some written information for the constituency. I understand the confusion. We have too many voices saying different things about the same subject. It is the Tower of Babel all over again. We will not ever be able to move forward together as a convention until we get on the same sheet of music and sing the same song. We don’t necessarily have to be singing in the same key, even though that would help, but we do need to be singing the same words at the same time.

The answer to the question is that the basis of representation is the same for everyone. Districts are to represent with \$300 providing for two delegates. Churches represent with \$150 providing for six delegates. Individuals not representing a church or district association represent with \$50. Additional delegates beyond the limits set for districts and churches are assessed at \$10 per delegate. The ancillary fees for officers, pastors, ministers, committee members, etc. are not covered in the basic representation. This fee schedule applies across the convention, no matter what auxiliary you attend or with which you register.

Specifically, here is the amount to be paid: As a district officer, the person should pay \$335 (\$300 for district + \$35 for the district officer). If the district is not representing, then the person should pay \$85 (\$50 for individual + \$35 for the district officer).

This is a real situation that is indicative of a problem that has persisted because some have yet to conform to the convention’s standard. We need both clarity and consistency. Right now, I’m trying to bring a little bit of both by sharing this information. There is still more to the story.

The Women’s Auxiliary invites the constituency to join them in their Annual Fashion Share Luncheon on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in the Family Life Center of St. James (parent body). Tickets, \$15, are still available. This event will begin @ 12 noon. Congratulations to Linda Murray, New St. Hurricane Baptist Church (Greater St. Marion) for her submission of the new motto for the Women’s Department: Regular AR Women ROCK-reaching others for Christ’s Kingdom: Are YOU a ROCKER? Thank you to all of the ladies who sent a suggestion.

The RABC Laymen would like to congratulate Bro. Milwan Rainey of Cleveland, Arkansas (Cypress Creek District) as the recipient of the RABC Laymen Award for 2014. Bro. Rainey is a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Springfield, Arkansas, where his father, Rev. Kerwin Rainey serves as Pastor. He was accepted at the University of Notre Dame and began his academic pursuits this fall. We are proud to make this award to this deserving young man and wish him much success in his academic career.



*Pictured at left* Bro. Terry Coleman, RABC Laymen President; Dr. James S. Thrower, Sr. RABC President; Pastor Kerwin Rainey (father); **Bro. Milwan Rainey, Scholarship Recipient**; Deacon Aldrew Pace, Scholarship Chair; and Bro. Bruce Brown.

