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## \*SAVE THE DATE\*

- Important Dates to Remember:
- Congress Board Meeting, March 20, 2012 @ McGhee Chapel, Dr. G. L. Sanders, Pastor
- Morris Booker Williams Founders Day March 20, 2012 @ St. Paul MBC, Rev. Warren 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

Most of you know that I was not born in Arkansas, but Illinois. Though from Chicago, my maternal roots are from Texas. My grandmother, a former high-school teacher, was very proud of her Texas heritage. As early as I can remember, grandma always told me history about Texas. She talked about the state so much that I thought the United States was in Texas rather than Texas in the United States until

I grew older. One favorite story about her home state was regarding a small Spanish mission in San Antonio, the Alamo. In there, less than 300 men valiantly withstood General Santa Anna's Mexican Army of 1500 or more for 13 days. The likes of Davy Crockett, Jim Buie, and William Travis lost their lives for Texas freedom. Through their sacrifice, the Texas militia took up arms and defeated Santa Anna with the battle cry.

Today, I am calling on all Regular AR Baptists to remember Morris

Booker Williams Community Center. Many Christian brothers/sisters in Christ who have passed off the scene made enormous sacrifices to make Morris Booker an institution of learning and development for our children. It is a debt we owe him, our forefathers, our children, present and future, certainly ourselves, and most importantly, our God. By this determination, we cannot fail; we will not fail. Do what you can to make Morris Booker Williams success by your generous financial gifts, talents, prayers, and support.



Pastor G. L. Sanders

## Greetings Regular Arkansas!

The time for the Congress of Christian Education is upon us by the new mercies of our God. Thanks to all who cast your ballots toward the vision of our President, Dr. James S. Thrower; thanks to Dr. Thrower for allowing my staff and myself to continue in this work.

The journey of the congress continues to be challenging but rewarding. Our Dean, Dr. Margarette Williams and staff, are working with great enthusiasm and expectation. Her relentless approach toward Christian education serves as the conduit through which waters of wisdom continue to flow throughout this convention.

An advance vote of gratitude is extended from my office to Moderator Bobby Acklin of the Golden Rule District, Pastor Gerald Parker, Sr., and the Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church family for hosting Congress 2012. We anticipate a great session *June 24-28, 2012*, partially to the credit of your hospitality.

We invite you, RABC, and friends to come and share in this experience. Our prayer is you will meet us in NLR and be blessed by the exhortation, information, and application of God's Word. Our efforts will provide you with competent instruction and a comfortable environment conducive to academic learning and certification. Our goal is to aid you in completing course requirements and developing Christian maturity.

In addition to COPP and the service oriented courses we offer, our young people's division, led by Pastor Brian and Sis. Connie Castle, is anxiously expecting the youth of NLR and surrounding areas. We encourage pastors and ministers to come and participate in our minister's division led by Congress Vice-President and Central Dist. Moderator, Pastor Glenn Barnes.

Once again, thanks to all who make up this great convention; may God continue to bless you as you strive to make His Will your own.

### Financial Report 77th Annual Session (Amendment)

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.

- ◆ Southeast District Women's Auxiliary memorialized the following individuals from their area:
- ◆ Sis. Mary L. Coleman
- ◆ Sis. Margaret Bowden
- ◆ Sis. Minnie B. Parker
- ◆ Sis. C. B. Towns
- ◆ Sis. Lillie W. Williams
- ◆ Sis. Cloteal E. Williams

### Ministers and Deacons Wives and Widows Retreat April 20 - 21, 2012

Sis. Shelia Thrower, Chairperson

This year's annual retreat will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in NLR. Pre-Registration: \$40 March 1st thru April 7, 2012/On-site reg: \$50. (Anything postmarked after April 7th will be returned.) For room reservations, please call: (501) 945-8128. The facilities are located at 4100 Glover Lane or 4450 E. McCain Blvd. Check in is Friday, 4/20, after 12 noon. The retreat will begin Friday night @ 5 p.m. Please call (501) 944-4947 for further details. Please register online @ [www.reg-arbaptist.org](http://www.reg-arbaptist.org) or mail to:

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION 2012: June 10 - 15th

"BE READY" - MATTHEW 24:42

'Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come!'

Sister Jackie Washington, Director



This year's Young People's Convention is replete with many fruitful changes that will both challenge and inspire the youth of RABC. We have been permitted to lengthen the session in accordance with the requests of our participants over the past years. The youth will be in session from Sunday evening, June 10, 2012 until noon on Thursday, June 15, 2012. All activities will be held at the Rock of Ages MBC in Maumelle, AR, pastored by Rev. James Mackey. Registration has been increased to \$20 per person for those registering prior to May 18, 2012; it will increase to \$25 after that date. Registration will cover the conference fees and supplant any offerings that have been collected in the past.

The Margaret Thrower Angel Network Banquet will be held during the session this year on Sunday evening, June 10th. Tickets are \$20 for adults/youth age 6 and older; \$7.50 for children age 5 and under. Escorts will need to pay \$20, as well.

Choral workshops will be held on April 14th and May 5th, respectively, at the Mercy Seat MBC (LR) from 10 - 1:00 p.m. Registration is \$15 which includes a ticket to the Angel Network Banquet. Two additional workshops will be held at later dates in the northern and southern parts of the state. The annual concert will be held Tuesday evening, June 12th.

Two new classes have been added: *Evangelism* for directors, leaders, and parents and *Young Men's Work in the Church* for men ages 25 and older. There will also be a class for young minister's to cover pulpit etiquette and other areas of ministerial interest.

The Great Debate, traditionally held during the McGill Young Men's night has been altered to feature a Young Minister's Forum. It will take place on Monday evening, June 11th.

The Rose Pageant will occur on Wednesday evening, June 13th. A new category has been added to include young women aged 19 - 25. Young ladies are required to wear debutant style gowns for this competition.

The Wannette Jean Ryan Oratorical Contest will be Tuesday afternoon (June 12th). This year's theme is "Be Ye Holy" taken from 1 Peter 1:15-16.

RABC will again provide 3 - \$1,000 scholarships; application deadline is May, 19, 2012.

We plan to have a spirit filled week and look forward to seeing you there.

### FOUNDER'S DAY Tuesday, March 20, 2012

St. Paul MBC  
415 Iowa St.  
Dermott, AR

Rev. Warren Strickland, Pastor

District Women's Presidents are to represent with \$100.

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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: 620801.

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