



62nd Annual Session

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My Life in All Things”**

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Congress of Christian Education

an Auxiliary to the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia

July 7-11, 2024
Northside High School
2002 American Way
Columbus, GA 31909

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OFFICE OF THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Greetings, my Brothers and Sisters in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ,

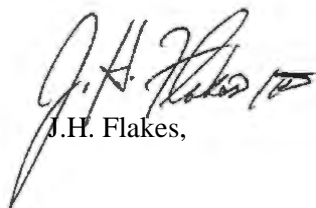
As President of the General Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education of Georgia, we, President Corbett, Dean Mitchell, Faculty and Staff are excited about this upcoming 62nd Congress of Christian Education on July 8-11, 2024, in the wonderful Fountain City, Columbus, Georgia. Northside High School will be the campus of the Congress. Thank you for participating in last year's in-person Congress of Christian Education in Brunswick, Georgia. We want to thank you for participating in this year's 2024 Congress of Christian Education. We want to thank Dean Mitchell and his staff for preparing a great curriculum of study. Our children, youth, and young adults will be holding innovative programs in music and arts, and study. The Oratorical Contest this year will be, again, second to none. Additionally, there are a host of specialized seminars and presentations, including a special class for pastors and ministers' wives this year. Also, there are virtual classes being offered as well.



We also want to thank 1st Vice President Mark Seals, Dr. Brenda Eason, the Technology Team, and Media and Communications for their invaluable assistance in getting us online for registration and being available to help us be excellent. As the teaching arm of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, the Congress of Christian Education has the responsibility to provide our members with sound biblical doctrine, yet practical methods, new strategies and information that will equip us to be biblically literate in sharing the good news of the Gospel – good news that can lead to everlasting life. I thank God for the leaders of the Congress, whose conscientiousness and hard work ensure that we will have very meaningful, transformative experiences. I encourage you to take advantage of the classes being offered, so that we can be a blessing to those whom we serve as we return to our various communities and places of worship. As disciples of Jesus the Christ, we are called to make a difference.

We mourn the great souls from our ranks who have now gone to join the great cloud of witnesses in glory. We will continue their great work, and most of all the great unending work of Christian education instruction. Again, thanks for being with us and we pray to see you in person real soon in Columbus, Georgia on July 8-11, 2024. Remember, *the reason we do what we do is for the love of God, through Jesus the Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

Your brother in Christ,



J.H. Flakes,



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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ,

On behalf of Rev. Dr. Anthony Q. Corbett Sr., GMBC of Georgia President; Reverend Dr. Johnny Flakes III, GMBC of Georgia Congress President; the Congress Faculty and Staff; Dr. Albertine Marshall, Assistant Dean; Associate Deans Alvin Bunch and Cynthia Murrah; School Processor Brigitte Hill and the entire team that make up our faculty and staff, we greet you.



As we convene for our 62nd Annual Congress of Christian Education, I am anticipating that delegates will have an opportunity to broaden their spiritual knowledge, as we offer once again a full Congress lineup. We have met and planned to offer learning options for adults, our ministers and minister wives, worship leaders, children, youth, young adults, and even our chaperones have been included. As we host the Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention, we will feature our Oratorical Contest again on Wednesday morning during the general assembly and offer our Children and Youth Rally that same afternoon. We will again pause to celebrate those delegates who have accomplished educational success. We have added Evangelism Lunch and Learn sessions and plan to execute outreach efforts.

Meeting under the Congress theme, “Firmly Committed to God’s Promises for My Life in All things” Jeremiah 29:11 and 1 Corinthians 15:58, I am challenged. As your Congress Dean, I am challenged to place before the delegates of GMBC of Georgia, the proper platform that will engage, inform and inspire each of us to determine for God I live and for God I die. Considering the times we are living in, we are faced on every corner with the failings of an unkind, unmoral and self-centered, selfish society. We are challenged to be like the Sons of Issachar in recognizing the times and knowing what to do. Well, delegates of the 62nd Congress of Christian Education, as your Dean, I know what we must do and that is *to study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV*

As we come together on July 8th – 11th, let us do so with the resolve that we come together with a renewed interest to live up to what God says about who we are. Let’s leave Columbus, Georgia, fully committed to the cause and accepting the challenge to respond with an understanding on what we must do to positively impact the communities we serve. I pray every delegate’s knowledge of what it means to grow in your faith as a disciple of Christ is enhanced. If there is anything the Dean’s office can do to enhance your learning experience while attending this year’s Congress, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours in Christian service,

Keith W. Mitchell

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Delegates are expected to attend all General Assemblies.

Take advantage of the Evangelism Lunch and Learn

Log into the Yapp App to keep up with Congress daily news and updates.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Move in and Set up)

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. / 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Registration)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Opening Session

- Devotion – Worship and Arts Division
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Article of Faith
- Pledges
- Church Covenant
- Remarks/Opening of Congress
- Instructions – Dean

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. (Children and Youth Class Session)

Children’s Meet and Greet & Fun Day

- Children’s Movie – Ages 5-7 and 8-12
- Games and Arts and Craft Ages 13 - 18

10:00 a.m. – Noon (1st Class Period)

- Adults
- Ministers Division
- Ministers Wives Session
- Young Adults
- Worship & Arts Division – Music and Dance

11:15 a.m. – Noon

- Introduction of the Children and Youth Rally
 - Overview of Dance/Mime/Choir
 - Youth Sign-up for Youth Rally
- Oratorical Preparation

Noon – 1:00 Lunch (Children & Youth)

Noon – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Evangelism Lunch 'n' Learn (What Do I Say?)

1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Children/Youth/Young Adult Activities)

- Rally Rehearsal
- Oratorical Preparation

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- GMBC Parent Body Board Meeting

4:15 p.m. (Additional Meetings)

- Evangelistic/Outreach Team meeting – Saints With a Testimony (SWAT)
- Chaperones Meeting
- Class Secretaries Meeting
- Music Department and Children & Youth Division Leaders

7:00 p.m. Congress Welcome and Musical Program

Greater Beallwood Baptist Church
4419 Sherwood Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31904-6736

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. / 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Registration)

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (2nd Class Period)

- Adults
- Ministers Division
- Ministers' Wives Session
- Young Adults
- Worship & Arts Division – Music and Dance

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (Children & Youth Class Session)

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. (Children & Youth Activities)

- Rally Rehearsal
- Oratorical Preparation

10:15 a.m. General Assembly

- 2023-2024 Dean's Office Updates
- **Dean's Annual Address**

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

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Evangelism Lunch 'n' Learn (Where Do I Go?)

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024 (continued)

1:45 – 3:45 p.m. (3rd Class Period)

- Adults
- Ministers Division
- Ministers' Wives Session
- Young Adults
- Worship & Arts Division – Music and Dance
- Children & Youth Activities
 - Rally Rehearsal
 - Oratorical Preparation

3:50 p.m.

State Directors – All Deans Meeting

4:00 p.m.

- Evangelism: Saints With A Testimony (SWAT) – Take it to the Street
- Outreach Effort

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. / 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Registration)

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (4th Class Period)

- Adults
- Ministers Division
- Young Adults
- Worship & Arts Division – Music and Dance

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (Children & Youth Class Session)

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. (Children & Youth Activities)

- Rally Rehearsal
- Oratorical Preparation

10:15 a.m. (General Assembly)

- Congress Workers Memorial
- Christian Education and Scholarship
 - Special Awards & Recognition
 - Awarding of Scholarships
 - Oratorical Contest

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch

Evangelism Lunch 'n' Learn (What Now?)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 (continued)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (5th Class Period)

- Adults
- Ministers Division
- Young Adults
- Worship & Arts Division – Music and Dance
- Children and Youth Final Rehearsal

4:15 – 5:30 p.m. (Children & Youth Rally)

5:30 p.m.

- Evangelism Saints With A Testimony (SWAT) – Take it to the Streets
- Outreach Effort

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. (Registration)

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (Children & Youth Wrap Up Activities)

- **Young Adult Class**

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Faculty End of Congress Wrap Up Meeting (SWOT Analysis)

10:15 a.m. (General Assembly)

- Evangelism/ Outreach Report
- **Congress President's Address**

Official Close of the 62nd Congress of Christian Education

REGISTRATION

Online Registration

1. Go to the [State Convention website](#) and click on Congress of Christian Education/Registration.
2. Registration for the Congress and Youth and Young Adult Convention is separate. Therefore, you will need to complete two different registrations. You may also register as an individual or group.
3. Whether you register as an individual or group, complete the required information for the individual and/or organization, and the system will automatically calculate your registration fees.
4. Begin your registration by entering all required information, selecting group or individual registration and be prepared to provide a username and password. (This should also include a properly formatted email address, i.e. johndoe@yahoo.com.)
5. Proceed to the class registration by entering the name of each person and class selection. Repeat the registration for all individuals who will be attending.
6. After all class selections have been made, proceed to the final checkout by carefully reading and following the instructions to complete the online registration process.
7. You can choose to pay online with PayPal (Note: A PayPal Account is not needed to complete the online payment.) Other payment choices are:
 - c. Mail your check or money order to:
GMBC Headquarters
P.O. Box 92340
Atlanta, GA 30314
 - d. **Mailed payments must be postmarked by June 30, 2024.** Keep your receipt so that you may track your mailed registration, if necessary.
8. Questions? E-mail headquarters@gmbcofgeorgia.org or call 404-688-4212.
9. **Register and pay online deadline is June 30 by 5:00 p.m.**

On-Site Registration for Mail-In Registrants

1. At the area designated as “Pre-Registration,” present your registration confirmation.
2. Present your confirmation to the person working in this area, and you should receive the badges and packages for your group based on the number of persons who were pre-registered.
3. Confirm that all badges and the correct number of packages are in your packet.
4. Registration complete!

On-Site Registration for Online Registrants

1. At the area designated “Pre-Registration,” present your registration confirmation.
2. You should receive the badges and packages for your group based on the number of persons who were pre-registered.
3. Confirm that you have all badges and a package for each registrant.
4. Registration complete!

On-Site Registration

Note: The registration and classification processes have been combined into a single step process. All persons who register must also select a class.

1. Proceed to the station titled “Registration.” Only one person per group, church, or district will be allowed in the registration area.
2. One person representing your church or organization should obtain a registration packet that will include the registration form and class selection guide.
3. Make sure all persons in your delegation have selected a class from the class list.
4. Complete all Church/District/Local Congress/BTU-Sunday School information for your organization or church before entering the registration area.
5. Please observe all registration fees that are to be presented with your registration. See page 9 for registration fees.
6. Once the payment process has been completed, place the delegates’ class selections and your organization’s information together to be presented to the registration officials.
7. Your registration information and amount will be confirmed.
8. You will be given your packages containing all Congress information for each delegate along with the respective badges.
9. Go to each department that you have paid to participate with, show your receipt and Registration/Classification Form. You will be signed in and given needed information.
Please check all items before leaving the registration area.
10. Registration complete!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if . . .

I need to add to the number of persons registered?

If there are persons who you need to add to your registration, please make every effort to do so prior to the beginning of Congress by emailing the Baptist Headquarters at headquarters@gmbcofgeorgia.org with the name of the person and the class he/she will take. Do this for every person who needs to be added, and submit the additional registration fee.



I need to remove persons from my registration?

In this case, let the person handling your registration know which names need to be removed. If you are requesting reimbursement, it will be mailed from the Baptist Headquarters within five to seven working days after July 23.

What if a delegate wants to change a class?

The person who registered your church will have to complete a class registration form. Church registration verification must be provided. Submit the completed form to the registrar for same-day service. To get in the required number of hours (8), a delegate must change after the morning session on the first day. No changes after that. *Do not ask the teacher/instructor to change a class.* It is not permitted per the President and Dean of the Congress.

I need to add persons in place of someone who did not make the trip to the Youth and Young Adult Convention?

Return the badge of the person who is not attending. That badge will be replaced with one for the person attending in his/her place. The person at the check-in who is handling your registration will take care of this matter.

FEES

Church Registration (covers 3 delegates) *	\$200.00
Adult Personal Registration	\$35.00
Ministers Division	\$50.00
Youth Personal Registration	\$50.00
Oratorical Fee	\$20.00
The J.H. Flakes Jr. Scholarship Contribution	

** Any church registering more than three delegates must pay personal registration for each additional delegate. This allows delegates to attend class and have Congress and program privileges.*

Monthly Contributors	
\$500.00 Level	
Congress	Church Registration included
	30 delegates waived
Youth Convention	20 delegates waived
\$250.00 Level	
Congress	Church Registration waived
	15 delegates waived
Youth Convention	10 delegates waived
100.00 Level	
Congress	Church Registration waived
	3 delegates waived
Youth Convention	3 delegates waived

Other Registrations	
Non-Delegates	\$100.00
Association, Sunday School and BTU – District	\$200.00 plus \$35.00 personal registration

Fees for each ADDITIONAL delegate over the number waived

\$35.00 for each delegate to the Congress

\$50.00 for each delegate to the Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention

All State Congress workers should be delegates of churches that are members of GMBC.

GMBC Congress of Christian Education and Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention

Registration is [online](#).

Below are worksheets to prepare you for the online process.

Church Information			
Church			
Street / Route			
City			
State		ZIP Code	
Email			
Website	www.		
Pastor			
Congress or Convention Information			
President			
Address		State	
City		ZIP Code	
Email		Phone	()
B.T.U. Information			
Director			
Address		State	
City		ZIP Code	
Email		Phone	()
Local or District or Association Information			
District #			
President			
Address		State	
City		ZIP Code	
Email		Phone	()
Dean			
Address		State	
City		ZIP Code	
Email		Phone	()

GMBC Congress of Christian Education Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention

Registration is [online](#).

Below are worksheets to prepare you for the online process. Make as many copies as you need.

Individual Registration Information

Personal Information			
Name			
Email		Cell	
Address			
City		State	ZIP Code
Church Information			
Name			
Address		Phone	
City		State	ZIP Code
Pastor			
Class Information			
Number		Title	
Division			
Purpose for taking the Course. (Check all that apply.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biblical Knowledge Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	COPP Phase Certificate 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	COPP Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/>	COPP Phase Certificate 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Become a Certified Dean	<input type="checkbox"/>	COPP Phase Certificate 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Become a Certified Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>	COPP Phase Certificate 4

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Churches and individuals are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

Lodging
JULY 7 – 11, 2024

Group Cut-off for Reservations is June 17, 2023

AC HOTEL Downtown ~ Marriott

1225 Broadway, Columbus 31901

Rate: \$139.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 780-3090

Hampton Inn by Hilton (N. Columbus)

7390 Bear Lane, Columbus 31901

Rate: \$136.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 256-2222

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

4510 Armour Road, Columbus 31904

Rate: \$121.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 317-3600

Springhill Suites by Marriott

5415 Whittlesey Blvd., Columbus 31904

Rate: \$124.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 576-3773

Courtyard by Marriott

3501 Courtyard Way, Columbus 31909

Rate: \$114.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 477-5011

Staybridge Suites an ING Hotel

1678 Whittlesey Road, Columbus 31904

Rate: \$99.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 507-7700

Sleep Inn & Suites

5100 Amour Road, Columbus 31904

Rate: \$84.00 (Kings), \$89.00 (Doubles) and \$159.00 (Suites)

(706) 653-1330

LaQuinta Inn & Suites North

1711 Rollins Way, Columbus 31904

Rate: \$114.00 (Kings/Doubles)

(706) 225-1000

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LEADERSHIP – Certificate Program

This program is designed to offer a series of five (5) Leadership level courses in distinct areas of ministry for Ministry Leaders. At the completion of the tract, Leaders will be awarded a GMBC of Georgia Congress Leadership Certificate. **PLEASE NOTE:** Students enrolled in a Leadership Track course must attend and take three of the five (3 of 5) courses at the Congress in order to receive the Leadership Certificate.

Delegates seeking the Leadership Track Certificate should complete the Leadership Tract Application. Contact the Dean to get the application.

Students completing a tract while attending the GMBC Annual Congress will be recognized during the Christian Education recognition period of the session.

1004–Effective Bible Reading

General Studies Track/COPP Phase 1

This course focuses on identifying methods and approaches to Bible study that can lead to spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Areas that will be covered include the structure of the Bible and resources for personal study. Employ resources and tools of hermeneutics.

***PRIMARY TEXTBOOK:** Scruggs, Julius, *How to Study and Teach the Bible*, [SSPB](#)

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Wilhoit, James, *Effective Bible Teaching*, [Amazon](#)

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Cedrita Reid

Enrollment Capacity: 25

2018–The Educational Task of the Church

Christian Education Director Track

This course will concentrate on the various educational ministries of the local church and focus on the unique role each ministry plays in the attainment of the total educational goals of the local church. Emphasis will be placed on the responsibility of each Christian to participate in the Christian education activities of the church.

>TEXTBOOK: Bower, William C. *Moral and Spiritual Values in Education (A Challenge to Every American)*. [Alibris](#) or [Amazon](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Joice Rainge

Enrollment Capacity: 25

2067–Transformational Teaching II

Seminar/Instructor/Teachers Track

This is the second teaching course in this Track. This course continues to explore with students various methods and materials for an effective adult education program. Students will be acquainted with the needs of adults and the methods of instruction that are appropriate for adult Christian education programs.

Target Group: Advanced level teachers with over five years of teaching Sunday School and Bible Study.

>TEXTBOOK: Simon, Bradley W. *Teaching to Transform Not Inform*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Sis. Cynthia Hillery-Jackson

Enrollment Capacity: Hybrid (Zoom) 20, In-Person 20

4012–The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Youth Leaders Track/COPP Phase 2

This course is a study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. It offers a thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that influence our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. Students will be able to identify this doctrine of the church with a holistic understanding of salvation, with special emphasis on justification, redemption and sanctification.

***TEXTBOOK:** Ryrie, Charles. *The Holy Spirit (Revised and Expanded)*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#)

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Lee Hoey

Enrollment Capacity: 25

5018- Strategic Planning

Church Administration

This course is designed to teach students how to apply principles of strategic planning and assessment in organizational structure. Students will learn principles of case studies to assess needs, design objectives, and develop a plan of action.

Target Group: Pastors, Associate Ministers and Ministry Leaders with strategic planning responsibility at their local church

>**TEXTBOOK:** Malphurs, Aubrey, *Advanced Strategic Planning*, Third Edition. Christian Book Store

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Malphurs, Aubrey, *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting: A Guide for Starting Any Kind of Church*, [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. David Stallion

Enrollment Capacity: 25

5020–Conflict Resolution

Ministers Track

This course is designed to have ministers examine basic biblical principles that they may apply to successfully maneuver through various conflicts that frequently arise in the church. Ministers will examine a model that can be utilized in conflict resolution.

Target Group: Pastors and Associate Ministers with counseling responsibility at their local church

TEXTBOOK: Avruch, Kevin. *Culture & Conflict Resolution*. [Alibris](#) and [Amazon](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Johnny M. Perkins

Enrollment Capacity: 25

6005–Financing & Budgeting the Work of the Church

Church Administration

This course provides information critical to the development and operation of a total church budget that integrates the mission, money, and message of the church. Emphasize tithing, corporate management responsibility, planning strategies, and a strong emphasis on immediate needs and long-range goals.

Target Group: Pastors and Associate Ministers with administrative responsibility at their local church

>**TEXTBOOK:** Massey, Floyd & McKinney, Samuel B. *Church Administration in the Black Perspective*. [Alibris](#) and [Amazon](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Calvin Thomas

Enrollment Capacity: 25

6013–Organizing the Church for Christian Education

COPP Phase 4

This course will focus on the various administrative and organizational skills needed to organize the Christian education department. Emphasis is placed on structure, leadership and staffing needs.

Target Group: Christian Education Directors, Sunday School Superintendents, VBS Directors and key Christian Education leaders within the local church

>**TEXTBOOK:** Bailey, Merrill-Jean. *How to Organize the Church for Christian Education*. [SSPB](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Clark, Robert E., Johnson, Lin & Sloat, Allyn. *Christian Education Foundations for the Future*. [Amazon](#) and [Alibris](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Sis. Mary Holmes

Enrollment Capacity: 25

7005–Christian Evangelism

Christian Evangelism

This course will focus on helping the students to develop a program of evangelism. Discover the appropriate Scriptures to use, and the methods, techniques, and media best suited for witnessing nonbelievers.

***TEXTBOOK:** Thomas, EL. *Evangelism Ministry: A Guide to Effective Witness*. SSPB

ALTERNATE BOOK: Beougher, Timothy K. *Invitation to Evangelism: Sharing the Gospel with Compassion and Conviction*. [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Rosa Thomas

Enrollment Capacity: 25

7010–Introduction to Discipleship

COPP Phase 3

This course will introduce the believer to the biblical principles of discipleship, the character traits of believers, while looking at the overall examples of Jesus, the discipleship methods of Jesus and the difference between discipleship and membership.

***TEXTBOOK:** Shank, Nathaniel. *Discipleship: An Introduction to Christianity*.

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Sanders, Oswald. *Spiritual Discipleship Principles of Following Christ for Every Believer*. [Amazon](#) and Christianbook ([paperback](#) or [ebook](#)).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Mark Lawrence

Enrollment Capacity: Hybrid (Zoom) 20, In-Person 20

7024–Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Youth Leaders Track/COPP Phase 2

This course is designed to help students understand who God has uniquely made them to be. Students will work through a spiritual gift assessment that will aid them in discovering their spiritual gift(s). Their discovering their spiritual gift(s) will prepare them to move into a meaningful area of service where they best fit into the body of Christ.

***TEXTBOOK:** Bugbee Bruce. *What Do You Do Best in the Body of Christ*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Sis. Helen Thompson

Enrollment Capacity: 25

8035–The African American Church and Social Justice

COPP Phase 4

This course will investigate and students will discuss the lives, theology and methods of the great servants of God who dedicated their lives in the struggle for liberation of people, as well as the role of the African American Church during the struggle.

***TEXTBOOK:** Ayers, Danielle L. & Williams, Reginald W. *To Serve This Present Age: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church*. [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOKS: Muholland Jr., M. Robert. *Invitation to a Journey: a Road Map for Spiritual Formation*. [Amazon](#) and Christianbook. Loritts, Bryan. *Letters to a Birmingham Jail: A Response to the Words and Dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Edward Chisolm

Enrollment Capacity: 25

SS9 8055/9915–Equipping the Church for the 21st Century with Technology

This two-part seminar is designed to help students recognize 21st Century challenges facing the church and then train and acquaint them to tools necessary, including the newest technological advancements, software and methodologies to support Christian education and advance ministry work.

Prerequisite: This course is for intermediate to advanced students in the area of technology and will fit delegates who serve in their church's technology ministry. *Delegates need to bring a laptop and/or a smart device (smartphone or tablet).*

>TEXTBOOK: Vassallo, Wanda. *Church Communications Handbook: A Complete Guide to Developing A Strategy, Using Technology, Writing Effectively and Reaching the Unchurched*. [Alibris](#) and [Amazon](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Keith McIntosh

Enrollment Capacity: 25

9008–Public Speaking (*Instructor Certification Required) Instructors /Teachers Track

This course is designed to assist students identify the process and principles for writing speeches and delivering them in public. Relay basic verbal and nonverbal communications skills that will enable the student to effectively communicate with audiences of all sizes. This class is also a required class for teacher certification.

Target Group: Individuals who teach Sunday school, Bible study and are called on to give public speeches.

>TEXTBOOK: Bewes, Richard. *Speaking in Public Effectively: How to prepare, How to present, How to progress*. [Christianbook](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Schultze, Quentin J. *An Essential Guide to Public Speaking: Serving Your Audience with Faith, Skill and Virtue*. [Thrift Books](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Millicent West

Enrollment Capacity: 25

9906–Baptist Beliefs and Practices

Ministers Track

This course is designed to review Baptist beliefs and practices that distinguish Baptists from other denominations. Students will discuss what makes Baptists distinctive and will research the characteristics of other denominational groups to include Pentecostal and more formal liturgical groups in order to understand what makes Baptists different from these denominational groups. Students will learn how to support their beliefs with Scripture and historical practices.

Target Group: Pastors and Associate Ministers

***TEXTBOOK:** Torbet, Robert G. *A History of the Baptists*. [Alibris](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. James Jackson

Enrollment Capacity: *Hybrid (Zoom) 20, In-Person 20*

COPP DIPLOMA / TEACHER CERTIFICATION

This course area is in support of delegates enrolled in the Sunday School Publishing Board Certificate of Progress Program (COPP). Delegates seeking to complete any of the four phases should enroll and take one of the classes listed below. A delegate that plans to complete a phase after taking a course will need to make sure the GMBC of Georgia Dean's office is made aware. Students completing a phase while attending the GMBC Annual Congress will be recognized during the Annual Congress session.

1072–Survey of the New Testament

COPP Phase 1

This course will engage students in a general overview of the divisions, time periods, places, events, people and archaeology of the New Testament.

>**TEXTBOOK:** Benware, Paul V. *Survey of the New Testament*. [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Deacon Horace Taylor

Enrollment Capacity: 25

1075–Synoptic Gospels

General Studies Track/COPP Phase 2

This course focuses on the synoptic gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus' ministry.

>**TEXTBOOK:** Nickle, Keith F. *The Synoptic Gospels, Revised and Expanded: An Introduction*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and Christianbook ([paperback](#) or [ebook](#)).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Jason Haynes

Enrollment Capacity: 25

1079–Survey of John

COPP Phase 3

This course focuses on the fourth gospel and its uniqueness. Students will be able to identify the specific features that characterize John's writings and the ministry of Jesus Christ.

***TEXTBOOK:** Barclay, William. *The Gospel of John*, Christianbook.com

ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOK: Pate, Marvin. *The Writings of John: A Survey of the Gospel, Epistle and Apocalypse*. [Christianbook](#), [eBay](#) and [Alibris](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Roderick Baptiste

Enrollment Capacity: 25

2015–Foundation of Christian Ethics

COPP Phase 4

This course will focus on understanding the philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics. Students will also engage in discussing biblical principles for decision making and conduct for living.

>**TEXTBOOK:** Geisler, Norman L. *Christian Ethics-Contemporary Issues and Options*. Amazon ([paperback](#) or [Kindle](#)) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Edith W. Anderson

Enrollment Capacity: 25

3008–Theology and History of Christianity

Missionary Track/COPP Phase 2

This course will outline the development of the Christian movement from the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth to present times. It will focus on the history, theology, culture and times that enable Christianity to develop and grow. Prominent persons who influence the Christian movement will be identified.

***TEXTBOOK:** Hurlbut, Jesse Lyman. *The Story of the Christian Church*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Kelly, Matthew. *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity: How the Modern Culture Is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Roderick Green

Enrollment Capacity: Hybrid (Zoom) 20, In-Person 20

6021–Spiritual Formation

COPP Phase 1

This course is designed to enable students to recognize what is required to mature in their Christian walk. Focus is on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults and to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Deliberate on what it means to be Christians.

>TEXTBOOK: Mulholland, Robert M. *Invitation to a Journey: Road Map for Spiritual Formation*. [Amazon](#), [ThriftBooks](#), [Alibris](#) and [Christianbook](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Bruce, Dr. Sam. *Forming Your Relationship with God... Transforming Your Relationship with People*. [Amazon](#), [Alibris](#) and [Barnes and Nobles](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Brenda Allen

Enrollment Capacity: 25

SEMINAR SERIES

This educational program is designed to introduce opportunities for leaders to discuss some of the key Christian Education issues and challenges facing our denomination in the areas of Christian Education growth. These seminar courses are designed to provide leaders with key tools to take back to their local churches to support program implementation or enhancement. Ministry Leaders who oversee and lead ministries will find value in taking any seminar.

SS1 2071/2072—Christian Character and How It Develops and Understanding the Impact of Our Culture

This course concentrate on the components of Christian character. Identify methods for the growth of Christian character. Present a synopsis of ways culture influences the church. Become aware of the various aspects of the culture that are infiltrating the church and will devise strategies to combat the influence. Identify ways to inspire Christians to transform the culture, rather than to conform to the culture.

Target Group: Ministers and Ministry Leaders

TEXTBOOK: Carafano, Vinnie. *Intensive Discipleship Course: Developing Godly Character*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#), [Christianbook](#) and [ThriftBook](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Cruse, Jonathan Landry. *The Character of Christ: The Fruit of the Spirit in the Life of Our Saviour*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. James C. Walker

Enrollment Capacity: 25

SS2 5008/5009—Organizational Skills and Group Leadership

This seminar is a two-part teaching that focuses on teaching students how to effectively organize church members for ministry. Emphasis will be placed on recruiting, assignments, delegation, documentation, evaluation and follow-up. Students will also be able to recognize group dynamics, and them to employ appropriate leadership skills for the best possible results.

Target Group: Ministry Presidents and other key ministry leaders,

TEXTBOOKS: Ken Blanchard & Randy Conley, *Simple Truths of Leadership: 52 Ways to Be a Servant Leader and Build Trust*, [Amazon](#)

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Blanchard, Ken. *The Servant Leader*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#), [ThriftBooks](#) and [Christianbook](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Dr. Brandon Isome

Enrollment Capacity: Hybrid (Zoom) 20, In-Person 20

SS3 6001/6002—Church Policy, Polity and Administration from a Black Perspective

This seminar focuses on the organization and operation of the work of the church. Dealing with policy and polity. Increase understanding of church procedures so that clergy and laity may work together more harmoniously by revealing the distinct method of administration from a black church. Students will explore those methods, evaluate them in light of present day situations, and suggest a pattern for today. Students will learn sources of potential administrative pitfalls for the pastor and laity.

Target Group: Both Clergy and Laity

***TEXTBOOK:** Massey, Floyd. *Church Administration in the Black Perspective*. [Amazon](#), [ThriftBooks](#) and [eBay](#)

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Hopkins, Samuel M. *Manual of Church Polity*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [ThriftBooks](#).

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Dr. William C. Morgan

Enrollment Capacity: 25

SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES

This Sunday School Publishing Board Certificate Program is designed to offer students who have completed the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) an opportunity to continue their study at a more challenging level. After completion of the required seven (7) classes, students are awarded a certificate. **Prerequisite:** The Congress Dean assigned a Dean of Records, Dean Kathy Morgan (morgank50@yahoo.com), to assist and shepherd students through the program. For a student to enroll in this program, the Dean of Records must sign *Form 17 Admission Application for Specialization*. An additional \$25 application fee is required for enrollment.

SP008—Ministering to the Whole Church

Christian Education Certificate

This course is designed for Christian educators and directors of Christian education who aspire to lead the church in Christian discipleship. Students will see the importance for enlisting every church member and every church department in the Christian education effort.

***TEXTBOOK:** Tye, Karen. *Christian Education in the Small Membership Church*. [Christianbook](#), [Alibris](#) and [Thriftbooks](#)

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Clark, Robert & Johnson, Lin, Allyn Sloat. *Christian Education*

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Dr. Robert Dickerson Jr.

Enrollment Capacity: 25

SP0013—Evangelism and Christian Education

Christian Education Certificate

This course leads the Christian educator to understand the mission of evangelism. Students will engage in evangelistic instructions designed to lead others to seek and win the lost. Students will also participate in role play opportunities and be given an opportunity to put into practice what is being taught by going out to the streets during class time to witness. Students are advised to dress comfortably.

>TEXTBOOK: Blazier, Kenneth & Isham, Linda R. *The Teaching Church at Work*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [ThriftBooks](#).

ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK: Collier, Jarvis. *Whatever happened to Christian Education?*

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. James Davis

Enrollment Capacity: 25

MINISTERS/ MINISTERS' WIVES DIVISION

Rev. Dr. James Louis Bumpus, Coordinator
Lecture, Panel Discussion & Inspirational Message Seminar Series

Ministers Seminar Sessions

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Morning Lecturer – Rev. Anthony Chavers, Macedonia Baptist Church

Morning Preacher – Rev. Al Keith Milton, Midway Baptist Church

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Seminar Leader – Rev. Dr. John Coar, Minister of Christian Education, Lundy Chapel Baptist Church

What's That Noise? A Millennial Perspective of the Black Church. This seminar is based on a section of *When Wait Your Turn Means No Turn at All* (Westbow Press, 2023), a book that highlights the need for intergenerational appreciation across Black life. The seminar will focus on Ezra 3:12-13 as a parallel to the Black Church and will explore the Church's primacy in Black life. If you are a younger minister excited about what's to come or a seasoned minister concerned about the future of the church, this seminar will provide you with the tools to speak forward and backward to ensure all Black generations feel included.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Lecturer – Rev. Alexander Gibson, Lundy Chapel Baptist Church

Morning Preacher – Rev. E. W. Norman

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Seminar Leader – Deacon Keith Mitchell, Congress Dean

GMBC Congress of Christian Education Development Seminar. This seminar focuses on the educational, organizational and administrative development process for certified congresses across the state of Georgia.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Lecturer – Rev. Dr. Eddie Collier, Countyline Baptist Church

Morning Preacher – Rev. Dr. Ananias Hopkins, St. Marys Baptist Church

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Afternoon Seminar Leader – Rev. Dr. Richard C. Flippin, Piney Grove Baptist Church

Master Class on Leading and Developing Leaders in the Black Church. Based on principles shared in *Being Leaders by Aubrey Malphurs*, this seminar focuses on practical methods for doing ministry in the 21st Century as the Church seeks new techniques to embrace believers, develop disciples and empower leaders. Attendees will experience personal interaction and engage with content to equip them with fresh ministry methods.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Lecturer – Rev. Dr. Rodney Turner, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Morning Preacher – Rev. Dr. James Louis Bumpus, New Fellowship Baptist Church

Ministers' Wives Seminar Sessions

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Morning Seminar Leader – Sis. Arnethia Day, Friendship Baptist Church

Healthy Body Mind and Spirit A healthy life balance Part 1. Participants will discuss their experiences of being both physically and mentally fit as a part of their maturing and growing in ministry and what works.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Seminar Leader – Sis. Jackie Flakes, 4th Street Baptist Church

The Minister's Wife and Christian Ethics. Participants will look at what are those lines that governed the behavior of church disciples and how in their role they are effective in setting positive examples. Participants will be challenged to recognize immoral trends, fads, and behavior.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Seminar Leader – Sis. Arnethia Day, Friendship Baptist Church

Healthy Body Mind and Spirit A healthy life balance Part 2. As a follow up to day 1 discussion, participants will discuss their experiences of being both physically and mentally fit as a part of their maturing and growing in ministry and what works.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Seminar Leader – Sis. Leisha Crocker, Metropolitan Baptist Church

The Minister's Wife's Cross – Being a Role Model for Other Women. Participants will discuss lessons learned in the role of ministers' wives and how those lessons translate into becoming a more matured woman of God, being the wife of a minister and having a positive influence with members.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Seminar Leaders – Sis. Crystal Lawrence, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and Sis. Jackie Flakes, 4th Street Baptist Church

Who Are You? Woman? Wife? Believer? Participants will discuss the significance of having a strong Christ centered foundation in defining your value.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Seminar Leader – Rev. Benjamin E.V. Lett, Hill Chapel Baptist Church

Panelists – Sis. Arnethia Day, Sis. Jackie Flakes, Sis. Leisha Crocker, Sis. Crystal Lawrence

Your Husband, the Church and the Family Working Together. Participants will look at methods that deal with discipline, roles of members, relationships, family responsibilities, working together to achieve goals, and family priorities.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Seminar Leader – TBD

Overcoming Intergenerational Conflict. Participants will address several of the rising challenges churches are facing to provide ministry opportunities to the various generations within their church.

Ministers/ Ministers' Wives Joint Panel Discussions

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Ministers & Ministers Wives Roundtable: **How Hard is Serving and Leading the Flock?**

- Panel Moderators – Rev. Dr. Stephen Summerow, Greater Friendship Baptist Church, and Sis. Arnethia Day, Friendship Baptist
- Panelists to be selected during the session.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Ministers & Ministers Wives Roundtable Panel Discussion: **The Joy and Pain of Ministry Serving as a Team**

- Moderators – Rev. Patrick Toney, Holly Springs Baptist Church, and Sis. Jackie Flakes, Fourth Street Baptist Church
- Panelists to be selected at the session.

Participants will engage in discussions on the ups and downs associated with ministry and the ways of overcoming them.

WORSHIP & ARTS

Rev. Ronnie Brinson, Coordinator

9016–Organizing and Administration of Church Music Ministries

This course will enable the student in developing a Christological approach to building a comprehensive and organized music ministry that will promote Christian ethics and ministry growth regardless of church size or budget. Students will be challenged and engage in discussions that will promote applicable biblical principles concerning the music ministry and its role within the ministry of the church.

Target Group: Church Music Directors, Choir Directors and Musicians

INSTRUCTOR: Sis. Tandra Holyfield

Class Locations

All classes are held at Northside High School, 2002 American Way, Columbus, GA 31909.

Course #	Course Title	Classroom
1004	Effective Bible Reading	
1072	Survey of the New Testament	
1075	Synoptic Gospels	
1079	Survey of John	
2015	Foundation of Christian Ethics	
2018	The Educational Task of the Church	
2067	Transformational Teaching II	
3008	Theology and History of Christianity	
4012	The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit	
5018	Strategic Planning	
5020	Conflict Resolution	
6005	Financing & budgeting the work of the Church	
6013	Organizing the Church for Christian Education	
6021	Spiritual Formation	
7005	Christian Evangelism	
7010	Introduction to Discipleship	
7024	Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts	
8015	The Work of the Youth Director and Leaders	
8035	The African American Church and Social Justice	
9008	Public Speaking	
9016	Organizing and Administration of Church Music Ministries	
SP008	Ministering to the Whole Church	
SP0013	Evangelism and Christian Education	
SS1 2071 / 2072	Christian Character and How It Develops and Understanding the Impact of Our Culture	
SS2 5008 / 5009	Organizational Skills and Group Leadership	
SS3 6001 / 6002	Church Policy, Polity, & Administration from a Black Perspective	
SS9 8055 / 9915	Equipping the Church for the 21 st Century with Technology	
	Ministers Division	
	Ministers' Wives Division	
	Diary of a Godly Kid–Class A (K to 1 st graders)	
	Diary of a Godly Kid–Class B (2 nd to 3 rd graders)	
	Diary of a Godly Kid–Class C (4 th to 5 th graders)	
	Young People for Jesus–Class A (6 th -8 th graders)	
	Young People for Jesus–Class B (9 th -12 th graders)	
	Adulting 101: Adulting is Crazy! (18-24 year olds)	

Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention



Purpose

The purpose of the GMBC Children, Youth and Young Adult Division is to enhance the Congress of Christian Education by providing innovative, age-appropriate environments for young people to worship and study God's Word.

Strategy

Our strategy is to utilize biblical teaching, ³³creative arts, interactive rap sessions and transformative worship experiences to empower young people for Christian living.

CHILDREN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Lesson Theme: Diary of a Wimpy Godly Kid

The purpose of this instruction is to have children learn about a child after God's own heart.

Children will go through a study of the early life of David and learn that they don't have to be perfect to be godly. They must have a heart that seeks after God.

MEMORY VERSE: "He will bless those who fear the Lord— small and great alike." [Psalm 115:13 NIV](#)

EACH LESSON INCLUDES:

- **Make It Stick! Summary Sheet** – so each church will know what children are learning each day.
- **Memory Verse** – to make sure children are getting Scripture in their minds and hearts every day.
- **Craft Activity** – to give children a physical reminder of the Bible lesson.
- **Game** – to help keep children engaged.

***All children and youth will attend classes based on the grade beginning the 2024/2025 school year.**

CHILDREN LESSONS:

- A. **Godly Kid, Godly Plans** – Sometimes we feel like we aren't strong enough or smart enough or important enough to do anything great. But God has big plans for children who seek after his heart. 1 Samuel 16:1-13. **Samuel Anoints David.**
- B. **Godly Kid, Godly Service** – Sometimes we feel like the things we do for others aren't really that important. But God takes great delight in the service of children who seek after his heart. 1 Samuel 16:14-23. **David Enters the King's Service.**
- C. **Godly Kid, Godly Victory** – Sometimes we feel like we are too weak to make it through the hard times of life. But God gives amazing victories to children who seek after His heart. 1 Samuel 17. **David Defeats Goliath.**
- D. **Godly Kid, Godly Heart** – Sometimes we are scared and would rather pay back evil with evil. But God gives grace and compassion to children who seek after His heart. 1 Samuel 24. **David Spares Saul's Life.**

CURRICULUM: Children's Ministry – Diary of a Godly Kid

INSTRUCTORS: Sis. Yolanda Giles and Sis. Homerzelle Gentry. Class A
(K to 1st graders – 2 classes)

Enrollment Capacity: 25

INSTRUCTORS: Sis. Judy Rawls and Sis. Dorcas Ford-Jones. Class B
(2nd to 3rd graders – 2 classes)

Enrollment Capacity: 25

INSTRUCTORS: Sis. Tamara Ross and Dr. Royal Baxter. Class C
(4th to 5th graders – 2 classes)

Enrollment Capacity: 25

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Theme: Journey of Discovery – Being Seen and Heard

Learning to embody and embrace who God created me to be while motivating change in others and examining what it means to be a young Christian in today's society.

Young People for Jesus (#“YPJ”)

“I’m down with GOD. Examining what it looks like in today’s society being YPJ. Reach One, Teach One. Learning to navigate faith and life on the level of our youth.

INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Quinton Steverson Class A 6th – 8th graders *Enrollment Capacity: 25*

INSTRUCTOR: Min. Sean Brewton Class B 9th – 12th graders *Enrollment Capacity: 25*

YOUNG ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Adulting 101: Adulting is Crazy!

18 – 24 years old

This course will focus on equipping young adults with necessary tools to navigate the complexities of adulthood.

INSTRUCTORS: Sis. Jaylyn Dickerson and Bro. Cameron Williams

YOUTH LEADERS SEMINAR

8015 The Work of the Youth Director and Leaders

This class is designed for chaperones only. Chaperones who accompany children and youth to the Congress of Christian Education should enroll in this course.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RALLY



The Children and Youth Rally is now a combination of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Night and Talent Night. This will allow the children and youth to minister through creative expressions. All churches will register in advance if their children/youth will participate.

CATEGORIES

Mime – Praise Dance – Sign Language – Step Team – Spoken Word

1. Only one team/group/individual per category from a Church or District. Registration forms must be submitted to the coordinator of the Talent/Children and Youth Rally either electronically or by 10:00 a.m. Monday.
2. Each routine must be 2 to 4 minutes in length. Teams will not be permitted to continue if their performance is over the time limit.
3. Attire should reflect an atmosphere of worship and modesty. Low cut tops, midriffs, shorts, tank tops, etc. will not be permitted. All participants are expected to be properly attired for their performance. (The Talent/Children and Youth Rally coordinators will serve as the authority on the dress code.)
4. Music for all categories must be of the Christian/inspirational nature.
5. Participants will need to be present at 2:00 Wednesday for practice. A representative from each individual/group/team will be expected to be present.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE		
Monday	11:15 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Youth Rally	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RALLY – Registration Form

See previous page for guidelines.

Complete and submit form below or complete [electronic document](#).

Deadline: Monday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m.

CATEGORIES (choose one)

Mime Praise Dance Sign Language Step Team Spoken Word

Group/Individual Name _____

Advisor's Name _____ Phone # _____

Name of Song _____

Artist of Song _____

Church Name _____

City _____

Pastor's Name _____

Only registered delegates are permitted to participate and attend.

ORATORICAL CONTEST



Speech Submission Deadline

June 21, 2024

Preliminary

July 8 and July 9, 2024

Final Competition

July 10, 2024

President

Dr. J. H. Flakes, III

Congress Dean

Dea. Keith W. Mitchell

Oratorical Contest Coordinator

Bro. Gregory L. Bailey
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Oratorical Competition is designed to provide a public platform for youth to exhibit speaking, organizational and elocutionary skills. The GMBC Congress Competition is divided into two categories. Category I Competition is designed for youth grades 1 through 9 and will follow local guidelines and rules. Category I topics will be a designated Article of Faith. Category II Competition is designed for young people grades 10 through 12. The Category II Competition will follow the guidelines and rules of the National Baptist Congress Oratorical Contest, and participants will speak on the official National Contest themes.

The Oratorical Contest will be held the week of the GMBC Congress of Christian Education on July 8-11, 2024, in Columbus, Georgia.

Category I Guidelines and Rules

1. Each participant will recite the designated Article of Faith.
Not reciting the Article of Faith will result in a 20-point deduction.
2. The specific Article of Faith will serve as the introduction to the speech.
3. The oration will be written by the speaker, with assistance from a speech coach.
4. Only one contestant per church/association per division will be accepted. All ties must be decided at the church/association level.
5. Preliminary competitions will be Monday, July 8, and Tuesday, July 9, 2024.
6. Speech format:
 - a. The speech must be typewritten with one-inch margins, double-spaced, 12-point, Times-Roman (or equivalent) font.
 - b. The contestant's name should be typed as a header, flush right. The contestant's name, church, city and speech word count should be typed at the end of the speech, bottom left. If the contestant is representing an association, then the contestant's name and the association should be typed at the end of the speech.
7. Speech submission:
 - a. Email as an attachment to gbailey1906@gmail.com. Save document using the contestant's name. No hand-delivered copies will be accepted.
 - b. Also mail three copies to the following address with return receipt:
Gregory L. Bailey
1944 Herbert Drive
Tucker, Georgia 30084
8. Entry fee:
 - a. \$20 (Twenty Dollars) per contestant
 - b. Mail check or money order to the following address:
GMBC Headquarters
P.O. Box 92340
Atlanta, GA 30314
 - c. GMBC Givelify:
Under other, input Oratorical
 - d. Payment must be received by deadline or contestant will be disqualified.

9. **Deadline:** All speeches and entry fees must be received by **June 21, 2024**. Please allow five days for postal delivery.

Category II Guidelines and Rules

1. The speech topic will be the official themes of the National Baptist Congress Oratorical Contest.
2. Sophomores and Juniors will use a past national theme, while Seniors will use the current national theme.
3. The speech must be original and prepared by the contestant.
4. Only one contestant per church/association per division will be accepted. All ties must be decided at the church/association level.
5. Preliminary competitions will be held Monday, July 8, and Tuesday, July 9, 2024.
6. Speech format:
 - a. The speech must be typewritten with one-inch margins, double-spaced, 12-point Times-Roman (or equivalent) font.
 - b. The contestant's name should be typed as a header, flush right. The contestant's name, church, city and speech word count should be typed at the end of the speech, bottom left. If the contestant is representing an association, then the contestant's name and the association should be typed at the end of the speech.
7. Speech submission:
 - a. Email as an attachment to gbailey1906@gmail.com. Save document using the contestant's name. No hand-delivered copies will be accepted.
 - b. Also mail three copies to the following address with return receipt:
Gregory L. Bailey
1944 Herbert Drive
Tucker, Georgia 30084
8. Entry fee:
 - a. \$20 (Twenty Dollars) per contestant
 - b. Mail check or money order to the following address:
GMBC Headquarters
P.O. Box 92340
Atlanta, GA 30314
 - c. GMBC Givelify:
Under other, input Oratorical
 - d. Payment must be received by deadline or contestant will be disqualified.
9. **Deadline:** All speeches must be received by **June 21, 2024**. Please allow five days for postal delivery.
10. The winner of the Senior Competition will represent the GMBC of Georgia Congress at the ensuing year's National Congress Contest.

SPEECH PRESENTATION/ORATION

The contestant's presentation attire is Males—slacks, suit coats and shirts with ties and Females—business dresses or suits (preferably white). Please note: The contestants may be on an elevated platform facing the audience.

The contestants are to stand, approach the lectern or designated space, state their contestant number, their first and last name, the theme or article and begin their memorized rendition of the written oration within the frame of the lectern/podium or designated space (without moving across the stage). The contestant should not state their church or pastor's name.

The contestant's oratorical presentation must avoid speaking in sermonic tones, using testimonials and excessive gesturing.

The contestants are not allowed to use props, costumes, clothing or prompts.

While contestants are not required to recite their speech verbatim, the style, theme, structure and organization of the presentation should closely adhere to the written documentation presented.

Judges

The judges are selected prior to the GMBC of Georgia Congress. Each judge receives the guidelines, and the judges score sheet during the judges training sessions. Each judge is scheduled to attend a training teleconference prior to the congress session and will attend a final onsite review for participation and protocol. Each judge has attested to providing a fair and impartial scoring of each contestant.

The judges will use the following criteria for each oration: composition, subject matter, content originality, delivery, memorization, vocal control, enunciation, pronunciation, presentation and mastery of material. The oration must be memorized.

The judges will give each contestant an intangible score (is most commonly used to describe things that are recognized but not easily quantified) and in the event of a tie the contestant that has the highest intangible score will be the winning contestant.

The judges' overall decision is final.

Topics and Themes

Grades 1-3	Article IV: The Way of Salvation , 150 words, 3 minutes
Grades 4-6	Article V: Justification , 250 words, 4 minutes
Grades 7-9	Article VI: The Freeness of Salvation , 350 words, 5 minutes
Sophomores and Juniors:	“Making the World a Better Place: GenZers Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at Church and in the Community,” 500 words
Seniors:	“Firmly Committed to God’s Promises for My Life in All Things,” 500 words

Grade levels are based on the 2024-2025 academic year.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Sermonic tones refer to “whooping” or “singing” at the conclusion or during any part of the oration.

Testimonials refer to framing the body or content of the speech around a personal testimony/story. This decision is made at the judges’ discretion.

Excessive gesturing is determined at the judges’ discretion. Contestant beware. Limit all movement, including your hands, as excessive gesturing or movement may result in disqualification.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

IV. The Way of Salvation.

We believe that the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

V. Justification.

We believe the Scriptures teach that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer’s blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. The Freeness of Salvation.

We believe that the Scriptures teach that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

CHILDREN & YOUTH DELEGATE GUIDELINES

Revised April 28, 2024

The following are guidelines that should assist the delegates who will attend the Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention of the GMBC Congress of Christian Education.

Delegates: Your cooperation and obedience in following these guidelines will enhance the fellowship of the session and will be appreciated by the Chaperone Committee.

Badges will identify chaperones and staff, and they must be respected at all times.

I. Home

These guidelines shall be placed in the hands of Pastors, Churches, Chaperones, Parents, and Attendees in order that everyone involved with the children and youth may be informed on what is expected of the children, youth, chaperones and young adults as they attend the Convention sessions. The Congress office will mail a copy of these guidelines to all churches registered with the Convention.

- A. The guidelines will be printed on a different color sheet and mailed to all churches on the same roster.
- B. Parents should get as much information as possible about the location of the Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention, including the street address and telephone number.

II. Church

Only youth who are members of and attend their local church should be selected as delegates. The conduct of such youth should be exemplary of their home church. Prior to departure for the Congress, the Youth Director or Lead Chaperone of each church should conduct a brief seminar or counseling period with the parents and youth to remind them of why and where they are going, the purpose of these guidelines and that **they will be representing their HOME and their CHURCH.**

III. Pastor

The Pastor should have a record of those attending the Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention. The Pastor should remind the youth of how they should conduct themselves and stress to the chaperones the importance of being at the Convention and their obligations.

- A. Each Pastor is encouraged to hold prayer for the Convention and the delegates who will be attending. This should remind them of the religious nature of the Convention and the need for God to be with the members while they are away.
- B. Make sure your delegates are properly chaperoned.
- C. Delegates should be informed to wait at designated areas where classes are held. If necessary, the chaperone will attend classes with the delegates.
- D. The primary duty of the chaperones will be to provide supervision of the delegates **AT ALL TIMES.** The age of each chaperone must be 21 years and older.
- E. Chaperones may register and attend at no cost.
- F. Chaperones must be available to receive assignments from the Director of Chaperones each day.

IV. Traveling

Youth traveling to the Convention should be under the guidance of the Pastor and/or Chaperone(s) at all times. Stay together as a group. Youth should also be reminded of their conduct in and around fast-food restaurants as they stop to dine or refresh. Bus/Van Drivers should be informed of the number of children onboard and of the chaperone in charge. Please remember to wear your seatbelts.

V. **Delegate to Chaperone Ratio**

The number of youths in attendance at the Convention has increased each year; therefore, in order to provide adequate and proper supervision of the youth, churches are to send a minimum of one (1) chaperone for every five (5) delegates of the same gender. In the event a delegate becomes sick, a second chaperone needs to be available without jeopardizing the proper supervision for the remaining delegates. Please try to provide at least one chaperone per 1-5 girls and one chaperone per 1-5 boys. Age ranges for the delegates are as follows: Children 5-12, Youth 13-18 and Young Adults 19-25.

- A. **Medication/Medical Emergencies.** If any youth is on medication, the parent or guardian should send the medication to the Convention with the chaperones with directions for dosage. The church should also have a release form authorizing the chaperone to take the child to an Emergency Room and the ER preference information in the event any child becomes ill. The church should have reliable emergency contact(s) for each child attending the Convention.
- B. **Curfew.** Youth delegates should be in their rooms by 10:00 p.m.
 - 1. A Lead Chaperone and Assistant Chaperones will be selected at the chaperone meeting for each motel/hotel.
 - 2. Other Chaperones will be assigned for each motel/hotel (to report to Lead Chaperone).
 - 3. The Lead Chaperone reports any concerns or questions to either Co-Chair, and/or Secretary of Chaperones.
- C. **Contents in Room.** Chaperones need to check and verify the condition of rooms upon check-in. Please do not misplace, break or misuse items in any room. Notify motel/hotel office if a bar is in the room and have it removed. Chaperones will be responsible for monitoring phone calls made on the motel/hotel phones.
- D. **Chaperones.** Make sure room doors are locked at all times, when in or out of the room. Always keep your key with you. Verify that all delegates are securely in their rooms before retiring to yours.
- E. **Electronic Devices.** All device use is under the discretion, direction and supervision of the chaperones, worship leaders and instructors with adherence to the following guidelines:
 - 1. Talking on cell phones will not be tolerated for any reason during classes or during any worship or assembly.
 - 2. No texting during classes—unless instructed to do so by the instructor—during any worship or assembly.
 - 3. No wearing headphones/earbuds or listening to iPods, iPads, cell phones, computers, MP3's or other devices during classes or during service. Be aware of your surroundings and keep volume low while in common areas.
- F. **Cards.** Playing cards is not allowed at the Convention. UNO cards are acceptable.
- G. **Personal Vehicles.** Anyone driving a personal vehicle should not park in any restricted or undesignated area. Violations of this rule will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles should be registered with your room if staying in a motel or hotel.

VI. **Elevators**

When using elevators at various places, be careful at all times. An elevator can transport only a designated number of people. Check the weight capacity and other signs posted near and inside the elevator. Do not play on the elevators.

VII. Recreation

The individual Churches, Pastors, Youth Directors and Chaperones should provide planned, properly supervised, recreational activities outside of the designated class periods, worship services and scheduled convention activities.

Swimming is prohibited during the week of the Convention. *Delegates, including chaperones, are not to be in the pool area at any time.*

VIII. Shopping

While shopping, remember shoplifters will be **PROSECUTED!** Know the people with whom you plan to shop. Each group must always be accompanied by a chaperone.

IX. Classes

Delegates who do not attend class will be reported to Convention/Congress officials. Delegates who are seen in the hallways during class/assembly time will be asked their destination and if necessary, reported to the Convention/Congress officials.

All Delegates—Children, Youth and Young Adults—should remain in Worship/General Assembly until the Benediction. No loitering in bathrooms, hallways or outside.

X. Dress Code for All Delegates

Casual dress will be observed by all Youth and Young Adults attending the Convention.

Girls

Dress Days: Church Attire – Appropriate shirts, blouses, knee length or longer skirts/dresses, appropriate shoes.

Talent/Children and Youth Rally Day: White tops or dress, loose fitting T-shirts with no logos, writings or art. Light colored long khaki pants or skirts with appropriate shoes.

Acceptable Casual attire

- Knee length or longer skirts/dresses/jumpers; pants, jeans or khakis
- Hosiery or socks (optional), appropriate shoes
- T-shirts with church name and/or religious messages

Unacceptable Dress for Casual Days

- Spaghetti straps, tube tops, midriffs, halter tops (Cleavage must be covered.)
- T-shirts with commercial ads (Name of church and religious messages are permitted.)
- Shorts, jeggings, jeans with holes, sagging pants or jeans and leggings without tops that extend to the knee
- Sleepwear
- Flip-flops, house shoes or slides
- Bikinis or almost bikinis (swim wear), visible underwear
- Hair should be groomed, no sleep bonnets



Boys

Dress Days: Church Attire – Appropriate dress shirts, polo shirts, slacks and pants (no shorts)

Youth Rally Day: White shirts, white loose-fitting T-shirts with no logos, writings or art. Shirts should be tucked in. Light colored long khaki pants with appropriate shoes, pants with belts worn on the waist, appropriate shoes

Acceptable Dress for Casual Days

- Well-fitting pants, jeans or khakis with belts worn on waist at all times
- Dress, polo and banded neck shirts
- Shirts must be tucked inside of pants
- Appropriate shoes



Unacceptable Dress for Casual Days

- T-shirts with commercial ads (Name of church and religious messages are permitted.)
- Undershirts as outerwear and tank tops
- Shorts, jeans with holes, sagging pants or jeans
- Sleepwear
- Doo-rags, stocking caps, hats backward (no hats worn in buildings)
- Flip-flops, house shoes or slides
- Earrings
- Visible underwear or undershorts

Proper dress during classes and worship service is a must. This particular guideline is **very important** for many reasons; therefore, Pastors, Youth Directors and Chaperones must encourage delegates to be obedient. Be sure delegates are properly dressed and ready to attend sessions *before* leaving the hotel. This includes **BADGES AND MASKS (OPTIONAL)**. All delegates are to wear badges at all times during the Convention. If delegates do not have badges, please submit name(s) to Chaperone leadership upon arrival to the site each morning.

XI. Prohibited Substances or Criminal Activity

Illegal drugs, smoking, vaping and alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the Convention site or in the motel/hotel rooms by anyone at any time.

Absolutely no criminal activity – vandalism, theft of any kind, underage drinking – will not be tolerated in any area of the Convention. Violators will be prosecuted.

XII. Congress Officials and Chaperones

This list consists of the names of only a few of the Congress and Youth and Young Adult Convention officials. Delegates should be familiar with the officers on the next page.



Honoring
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP
Recognition on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, during the
Congress of Christian Education

The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, in concert with its auxiliary, the Congress of Christian Education, would like to honor the hard-earned accomplishments of its delegates for the 2023 and 2024 academic school years.

Please complete the [form](#) and submit no later than Tuesday, July 9, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.

To be recognized, each honoree must be registered as a delegate and present during the Ceremony. Please do not complete a form for someone who is not in attendance.

Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	High School
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bible College or Bible University
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post Graduate Seminary Studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) all four phases
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean's Certification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialization Education Studies Program (SESP)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP)
<input type="checkbox"/>	GMBC Congress Leadership Tract Certificate (Must be cleared by Deans Office)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Author of Published Christian Book(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Author's Name _____ ▪ Book Title _____ ▪ Date of Publication _____ ▪ Publisher _____

Please check and complete any of the following you have attained.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of Honoree	
<input type="checkbox"/>	High School	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bible College/University	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminary	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Degree Received	

Authors are invited to bring copies of their publication(s) for sale and to come prepared for a book signing following the ceremony.

AWARDS COMMITTEE
 Rev. Mark Seals
 Sis. Angreen Rainey

COMMUNICATION TOOL - Yapp



1. Plans are underway to configure the GMBC of GA Congress of Christian Education App for our 2024 session.
2. This app will serve as a centralized hub for scheduling, announcements, the Congress booklet and other important information that will be shared through the duration of the Congress. (It is important to note, however, that registration will not be supported in the app.)
3. The app includes a link that will direct the participant to the registration website.) A special thank you to Bro. Julius Thomas who introduced this app and configured it in 2019. *We are excited to carry the torch!*
4. Download the app today and encourage all other Congress participants to download the app. Assistance will be on site to help others download the app as they arrive at Congress registration.
 - Download the app [here](#).
 - View the demo [video](#).

Questions? Contact Natalie Lett at nataliecllett@gmail.com.

The Lord bless you and keep you ...

Numbers 6:24

Thank you, 4th District
Churches, Pastors and Laymen

Hope you had a worshipful
Congress of Christian Education and
Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention.
Safe travels as you return home.

