



# **61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SESSION**

# **CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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***"Making the World a Better Place: Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at Church and in the Community"***

***Matthew 28:19, 5:16 NKJV***



**July 10– 13, 2023**

**Brunswick High School  
3885 Altama Avenue  
Brunswick, GA 31520**

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**Brother Keith Mitchell, Congress Dean**

**An Auxillary of The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc..**

**Reverend Dr. Anthony Q. Corbett, Sr., Convention President**



## GENERAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CONVENTION OF GEORGIA, INC.

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### OFFICE OF THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT

**O**n behalf of Anthony Q. Corbett, our beloved President, and Keith Mitchell, our wonderful Dean, we greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, and thank you for participating in this year's in-person Congress of Christian Education. Thank you to the 11<sup>th</sup> District Churches, Pastors and Laymen for hosting us. Dean Mitchell and his staff have prepared a great week of study. Our children, youth and young adults will be holding innovative programs in music, arts and study. The Oratorical Contest this year will be second to none. Additionally, there are a host of specialized topic seminars and presentations, including a special update regarding our Land of Promise initiative. The global pandemic continues, and what we have learned through it all is that our God is faithful.



We also want to thank 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Seals, Dr. Brenda Eason, Technology and this team, and Media and Communications for their invaluable assistance in getting us online for early registration and being available to help us to be excellent. As the teaching arm of the GMBC of Georgia, the Congress of Christian Education has the responsibility to provide our members with powerful, yet practical, methods, strategies and information that will equip us to be proficient in sharing the good news of the Gospel – good news that can lead to everlasting life. I thank God for diligence and dedication of the leaders of the Congress, in ensuring that we will have very meaningful experiences. I encourage each of us to take advantage of the classes and offerings, so that we can be a blessing to those whom we serve.

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 Brunswick, Georgia, July 10-13, 2023. *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, III

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### OFFICE OF THE CONGRESS DEAN

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ and, on behalf of Rev. Dr. Anthony Q. Corbett Sr., GMBC of GA President; Rev. Dr. Johnny Flakes III, GMBC of GA Congress President; the Congress Faculty and Staff, Assistant Dean Dr. Albertine Marshall, Associate Deans Alvin Bunch and Cynthia Murrah and School Processor Brigitte Hill, and the entire team that makes up our faculty and staff, we greet you.



As we convene for our 61<sup>st</sup> 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, ministers, worship leaders, children, youth and young adults. As host of the Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention, we will feature our Oratorical Contest, as well as the Talent/Children and Youth Rally.

Meeting under the Congress theme **“Making the World a Better Place: Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at Church and the Community”** Matthew 28:19 and Matthew 5:16 NKJV, I would like to challenge each of us to do what Christ has commanded—to be a witness of Him being empowered by the Holy Ghost. Delegates will be provided opportunities to share the Good News as we hit the streets of Brunswick, GA. Students taking Evangelism classes will be guided in putting into practice what is being learned in the classrooms by partnering with our State Evangelism leadership team and taking it to the streets. Therefore, as we embrace the high calling of Jesus Christ to be a witness of Him and to make disciples, teaching them those things He has taught us, let us do so with love and a burning desire to see God’s will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. It’s all about the Kingdom of God.

As we come together on July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, let us do so with the resolve that we come together to become different so we can make a difference in the lives of those we encounter. Let’s leave Brunswick, GA, fully committed to the cause of having a positive impact on 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 Christ,

Keith W. Mitchell, GMBC of GA Dean



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Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention**

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**SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

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**Delegates are expected to attend all General Assemblies.**

**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023**

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Move in and Set up)

**MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

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

**8:30 a.m. – 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

**10:00 a.m. – Noon (1<sup>st</sup> Class Period)**

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

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Children, Youth & Young Adult Class Session)**

Children's Meet and Greet & Fun Day

Children's Movie – Ages 5-7 and 8-12

11:15 a.m. – Noon

- Rally Rehearsal
  - Introduction of the Children's Rally
  - Special Presentation and Scriptures: What the Bible Says About Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Oratorical Preparation

Noon – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. GMBC Parent Body Board Meeting

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Worship & Arts Division (Children, Youth & Young Adults)**

3:00 p.m. (Additional Meetings)

- Saints With a Testimony (SWAT) Evangelistic Team meeting
- Chaperone Meeting
- Class Secretaries Meeting

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**

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

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Class Period)**

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

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (Children, Youth & Young Adult Class Session)**

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

- Rally Rehearsal
- Oratorical Preparation

**10:15 a.m. General Assembly**

- 2022-23 Dean's Office Updates
- **Dean's Annual Address**

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Class Period)**

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

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (Children & Youth Activities)

- Rally Rehearsal
- Oratorical Preparation

4:30 p.m. (SWAT Evangelistic Street Witnessing)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023**

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

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (4<sup>th</sup> Class Period)**

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

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (Children, Youth & Young Adult Class Session)**

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

- Rally Rehearsal
- Oratorical Prep

**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

**2:15 – 4:15 p.m. (5<sup>th</sup> Class Period)**

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

**2:15 – 3:15 p.m. (Children, Youth & Young Adult Class Session)**

3:20 – 4:30 p.m. (Children & Youth Activities)

- Rally Practice

4:30 p.m. (SWAT Evangelistic Street Witnessing)

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023**

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. (Registration)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **(Children, Youth & Young Adult Class Session)**

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

**10:15 a.m. (General Assembly)**

- Evangelism Report

- **Congress President's Address**

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. (State Directors Meeting with Deans)

1:00 p.m. (Talent/Children & Youth Rally Practice)

**3:00 p.m. (Talent/Children & Youth Rally)**

4:30 p.m. (Official Close of the 61<sup>st</sup> Congress of Christian Education)



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## REGISTRATION

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### 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 have the opportunity to choose to pay online with PayPal (Note: A PayPal Account is not needed to complete the online payment.) Other payment choices are:
  - b. Mail your check or money order to:  
GMBC Headquarters  
P.O. Box 92340  
Atlanta, GA 30314
  - c. **Mailed payments must be postmarked by June 30, 2023.** Keep your receipt so that you may track your mailed registration, if necessary.
8. Questions? E-mail GMBC Support at [headquarters@gmbcofgeorgia.org](mailto: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 name 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 name 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!

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### 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](mailto: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 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

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## FEES

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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.

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

<b>Personal Information</b>			
Name			
Email		Cell	
Address			
City		State	ZIP Code
<b>Church Information</b>			
Name			
Address		Phone	
City		State	ZIP Code
Pastor			
<b>Class Information</b>			
Number	Title		
Division			
<b>Purpose for taking the Course. (Check all that apply.)</b>			
<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

### Individual Registration Information

<b>Personal Information</b>			
Name			
Email		Cell	
Address			
City		State	ZIP Code
<b>Church Information</b>			
Name			
Address		Phone	
City		State	ZIP Code
Pastor			
<b>Class Information</b>			
Number	Title		
Division			
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Address		Phone	
City		State	ZIP Code
Pastor			
<b>Class Information</b>			
Number		Title	
Division			
<b>Purpose for taking the Course. (Check all that apply.)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biblical Knowledge Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	COPP Phase Certificate 1
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<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**  
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**Group Cut-off for Reservations is June 18, 2023**

**Holiday Inn Brunswick**

138 Glynco Parkway, 31525  
Rate: \$119.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 264-3300

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**

236 Gateway Center Blvd., 31525  
Rate: \$119.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 267-9999

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**

107 Gateway Center Circle, 31525  
Rate: \$119.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 264-2060

**Wingate by Wyndham**

165 Warren Mason Blvd., 31525  
Rate: \$92.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 265-7725

**Group Cut-off for Reservations is June 9, 2023**

**Courtyard by Marriott**

580 Millennium Blvd., 3125  
Rate: \$129.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 265-2644

**Four Points by Sheraton**

5308 New Jesup Highway, 31523  
Rate: \$124.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 689-3003

**Hampton Inn & Suites**

128 Venture Drive, 31525  
Rate: \$149.00 – (King/Double)  
(912) 261-0939

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**LEADERSHIP – Certificate Program**

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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 secure the application.**

**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: 30**

**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: 30**

**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. Johnnie M. Perkins

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **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:** Sis Sandra Williams

**Enrollment Capacity:**

### **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:** Dr. Stanley Kimble

**Enrollment Capacity:** 30

### **6002–Church Administration from a Black Perspective**

### **Ministers Track**

This course reveals the distinct method of administration in the black church. The course also explores those methods, evaluates them in light of present-day situations and suggests a pattern for today; seeks to show sources of potential pitfalls for the pastor who attempts to be the real pastor of the church; and discusses relationships in the church and how a pastor can strengthen those relationships to the glory of God.

**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:** Dr. William C. Morgan

**Enrollment Capacity:** 30

### **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:** 30

### **7003\*–Methods of Evangelism**

### **Christian Evangelism**

This course will focus on helping the students to share their Christian faith using traditional and current methods and social media. Highlight the challenges of the church's ability to reach out to the inner city as well as rural areas. Draw attention to the need to witness to cultural and ethnically diverse groups of people. 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:** Collier, Jarvis. *Whatever Happened to Christian Evangelism?* [Amazon](#) and [Alibris](#)

**ALTERNATE BOOK:** Sanders, Oswald J. *Spiritual Discipleship*. [Amazon](#), [Alibris](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Rosa Thomas

**Enrollment Capacity:** 30

### **7006\*–Fundamentals & Strategies for Street Witnessing**      **Christian Evangelism Track**

This course will emphasize evangelism in the community, provide hands-on instruction about the most effective ways to witness to nonbelievers and focus on recruiting, organizing and preparing members for street witnessing. 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:** de Kluyver, Cornelis A. *Fundamentals of Global Strategy: A Business Model Approach*. [Alibris](#) and [Amazon](#).

**ALTERNATE TEXTBOOKS:** Thomas, EL. *Evangelism Witnessing Ministry* and Rusbuidt, Richard E. *Evangelism on Purpose: A Planning Guide for Churches*. [Alibris](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Al Robinson

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **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: 30**

### **8066–Christianity and Contemporary Issues**      **General Studies Track/COPP Phase 4**

This course is designed to challenge the students to identify and confront contemporary issues and look at challenges that affect the church, home and community. Students will also think through practical solutions and approaches to immediate and emerging social and ecclesiological concerns.

**TEXTBOOK:** McNeal, Reggie. *The Present Future (Six Tough Questions for the Church)*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Calvin Thomas

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **9024–Computers in the Life of the Church for Beginners**

#### **Technology Track/COPP Phase 4**

This course is designed to train pastors, office workers, Christian educators and others who want to utilize computer technology in the church. Issues in administration, setting up computer labs, tutorials on Bible study, as well as membership record keeping and nurture will be covered in this course.

**Target Group:** Delegates with some computer knowledge. Students need to bring a laptop, electronic tablet or smartphone.

**TEXTBOOK:** Spiegel, Aaron. *40 days and 40 Bytes (Making Computers Work for Your Congregation)*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Sis. Gwendolyn Watts

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

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**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 Baptist*. [Alibris](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. James Jackson

**Enrollment Capacity:** 30

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## COPP DIPLOMA / TEACHER CERTIFICATION

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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.

### **1001–Introduction to the Bible**

**COPP Phase 1**

This course identifies the appropriate methods and approaches to Bible study that lead to spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Areas that will be covered include structure of the Bible and resources for personal study that will add meaning to reading the Bible.

**TEXTBOOK:** Scruggs, Julius R. *How to Study and Teach the Bible*. Sunday School Publishing Board (paperback or ebook), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**ALTERNATE TEXTBOOK:** Eichenberger, Jim. *Training for Service*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Sis. Gerthlene Quzack

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **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:** Dr. Carol W. Rich

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **1112–Survey of Revelation**

**COPP Phase 4**

This course will explore the book of Revelation, with emphasis on authorship, date, theme and recipients. The instructor will also discuss the prophetic themes, symbols and interpretation of various revelations.

**TEXTBOOK:** Ryrie, Charles C. *Revelation (Everyday Bible Commentary)*. [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Dr. Robert Dickerson

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **2007–Christian Stewardship**

**COPP Phase 2**

This course will cover the basic tenets of Christian stewardship, time, talent and tithe. Students will begin to understand how to effectively manage their resources through a better understanding of the spiritual principles, practices and contributions of Christian stewardship.

**TEXTBOOK:** Powell, Mark A. *Giving to God: The Bible Good News About Living a Generous Life*.

[Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Dr. Joseph McKenzie

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **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: 30**

### **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: 30**

### **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: 30**

### **9004–Writing Techniques 1**

**COPP Phase 2**

This course focuses on the Certificate of Progress Program writing requirements for Phase 2.

Emphasis will be placed on the development of the skills necessary to complete the writing assignments. Skills that will be mastered range from the development of paragraphs/topic sentences to thesis-driven essays.

**TEXTBOOK:** Heaberlin, Dick. *English Syntax: A Guide to the Grammar of Successful Writers*. [Amazon](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Millicent West

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **9005–Writing Techniques 2**

**COPP Phase 3**

This course focuses on the Certificate of Progress Program writing requirements for Phase 3.

Emphasis will be placed on the writing of documented research and the development of other skills necessary to complete the writing assignments in this phase. This course will also introduce students to the library and the use of reference materials.

**TEXTBOOK:** Strunk, Jr. Williams. *The Elements of Style*. [Amazon](#)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Sis. Emma Conyers

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

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## SEMINAR SERIES

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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.

### **SS5 1080/1082–The Life and Teachings of Jesus and The Sermon on the Mount**

This seminar is a two-part teaching that focuses on the significance of Jesus' birth, His early life, His teaching ministry, His death and His resurrection and covers the teaching principles expanded by Jesus as He taught about kingdom principles and spiritual life. The two accounts—the books of Matthew and Luke—will be comparatively analyzed. Students will apply these teachings to various aspects of everyday living.

**Target Group:** Ministry Leaders, Sunday School and Bible Study Teachers

**TEXTBOOKS:** Stewart, James. *The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ*. [Alibris](#), [Amazon](#) and [Christianbook](#).

**INSTRUCTOR:** Sis. Barbara Butler

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **SS8 2062/2063–Working with Boys/Girls in the Local Church and Community**

This two-part seminar focus is to prepare students who are laymen and women in the local church for mission responsibilities to facilitate ministries for both church and unchurched boys and girls.

**Target Group:** Church Leaders and Youth Leaders looking at starting a mentoring program in the local church.

**TEXTBOOK:** Young Men's Christian Associations International Committees. *Boys' Work in the Local Church: Boys' Work Message, Men and Religion Movement*. [Amazon](#). Folmar, Keri. *How Can Women Thrive in the Local Church*. [Amazon](#)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Bobby and Sis. Peggy Berryman

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### **SS9 8055/9915–Equipping the Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Technology**

This two-part seminar is designed to help students recognize 21<sup>st</sup> 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: 30**

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## SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES

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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.

### SP0012–Resources for Christian Education

### Christian Education Certificate

This course will introduce various modern methods for teaching. Students will realize what these resources are and discover efficient ways to make them available to the church, district or state convention.

**TEXTBOOK:** Powers, Bruce. *Christian Education Handbook: Revised and Completely Updated*

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

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Dr. David Stallion

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### 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*

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

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. James Davis

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### SP0014–Church Growth through Christian Education

### Christian Education Certificate

This course is designed to lead the Christian educator in evaluating and assessing growth through Christian education. Students will develop a plan for growing the church through effective Christian education programs.

**TEXTBOOK:** Powers, Bruce. *Christian Education Handbook: Revised and Completely Updated*

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Dr. Brandon Isome

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

### SP0026\*–Global Missions

### Evangelism Certificate

This course will introduce students to the need and expectations for reaching across racial, cultural and geographical boundaries for the performance of effective ministry. 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:** Moreau, Scott, Cowin, Gary R. & McGee, Gary. *Introducing World Missions: A Biblical, Historical and Practical Survey*. [Amazon](#)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Roderick Green

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**



**SP0027–Christian Service and Outreach Ministry****Evangelism Certificate**

This course will look at missions from a historical and biblical point of view. An emphasis will be placed on the missionary record of the Old Testament (Jonah) and the New Testament personalities (Paul). Students will be asked to define the mandate of the church for mission. 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 will need to dress comfortably.

**TEXTBOOK:** Kennedy, D. James. *Evangelism Explosion*. [Amazon](#)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Henry Baptiste

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

**SP0028–Current and Historical Mission Programs****Evangelism Certificate**

This course will examine the history of the Foreign Missions and Home Missions ministries of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and is a study on current mission efforts of the church in general. 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:** Harvey, William J. *The Missionary Worker's Manual*. [Amazon](#)

**ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOK:** Glasser, Arthur F. *Announcing the Kingdom*

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Dr. Amos Williams

**Enrollment Capacity: 30**

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## MINISTERS DIVISION

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### Tuesday, July 11

**Morning Lecturer** – Rev. Dr. Eddie Bright

**Morning Message** – Rev. Dr. James Louis Bumpus

#### Afternoon Seminar

##### **8021–Organizing a Christian Substance Abuse Ministry**

This course deals with the fundamental aspects of implementing a Christian recovery ministry in the local church. Throughout this course, students will learn the importance of why a Christ-centered biblical approach is most effective in dealing with not just drug and alcohol addiction, but addiction of any kind. Students will also learn how to develop a recovery model/ministry that will present help, hope and healing to those caught in the grip of addiction.

**SEMINAR LEADER:** Rev. Dr. Rodney Turner

### Wednesday, July 12

**Morning Lecturer** – Rev. Dr. Josh Kirvin

**Morning Message** – Rev. Dr. Carl Anthony Wardlaw

#### Afternoon-Seminar

##### **2061–Millennials in Ministry (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. This 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.

**SEMINAR LEADER:** Rev. Dr. John Coar

### Thursday, July 13

**Morning Lecturer** – Rev. N. Vincent Carter

**Morning Message** – Rev. Dr. Lonnie Slater

#### Afternoon Seminar

##### **9924–Congregational Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Masters 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 believes, develop disciples and empower leaders. Attendees will experience personal interaction and engage with content to equip one another with fresh ministry methods.

**SEMINAR LEADER:** Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr.

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## WORSHIP & ARTS

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### **9016 -Organizing and Administration of Church Music Ministries**

This course will look at music as a crucial component of worship. Students will examine different styles and genres of music and their relationship to varying styles and worship experiences. The study will include: 1) the seminars on the millennial relevance and balance of contemporary, traditional and non-traditional types of music in worship; 2) a practicum on teaching and directing techniques and 3) an opportunity for original composition introductions. The course will help students understand the biblical and cultural relevance of varying types of musical expression in worship.

**Target Group:** Church Music Directors, Choir Directors and Musicians

**TEXTBOOK:** none

**INSTRUCTORS:** Rev. Michael Sherman, Sr., and Bro. David Sharpe

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## CHILDREN

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### **#The INCrowd...All of Us In ... All of Us Together**

The Experiencing God curriculum for kids will include sessions on exploring the realities of God's presence. Each learning session will include a Bible lesson, Black history focus and kid's activity.

**Lesson Topics:**

Tuesday	"God is Always at Work around Me"
Wednesday	"God Wants a Personal Relationship with Me"
Thursday	"God Will Show His Plan and Purpose for My Life"

Children will register according to the grade they have been promoted to for 2023-2024 school year.

C1a	K to 1 <sup>st</sup> graders (2 classes)	<b>INSTRUCTORS:</b> Sis. Yolanda Giles and Sis. Homerzelle Gentry
C1b	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders (2 classes)	<b>INSTRUCTORS:</b> Sis. Judy Rawls and Sis. Dorcas Ford-Jones
C1c	4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> graders (2 classes)	<b>INSTRUCTORS:</b> Sis. Tamara Ross and Dr. Royal Baxter

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## YOUTH

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### **Journey of Discovery: Being Seen and Heard**

Youth will register according to the grade they have been promoted to for 2023-2024 school year.

### **#POV (Point of View): "Who Am I? – Straight Capping"**

If only we could see ourselves through the eyes of God, we would love who and what God created more than what the world says we should be. Connecting with our own POV.

Y1a	6th – 8th graders	<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b> Bro. Quinton Steverson
Y1b	9th – 12th graders	<b>INSTRUCTORS:</b> Sis. Taneisha Bellamy and Min. Sean Brewton

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## YOUNG ADULTS

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### **Adulting 101: Adulting is Crazy!**

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

18 – 24 year olds      **INSTRUCTORS:** Bro. Jalen Dickerson and Bro. Cameron Williams

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## COMMUNICATION TOOL - Yapp

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1. Plans are underway to configure the GMBC of GA Congress of Christian Education App for our 2023 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.) 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](mailto:nataliecllett@gmail.com).

**General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.**  
**61<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

# Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention

*“Making the World a Better Place: Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and  
Social Justice at Church and in the Community”  
Matthew 28:19, 5:16 NKJV*



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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR, Rev. Paul A. Little, II



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<b>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</b>	Sis. Valerie White
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<b>DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION</b>	Bro. Jonathan Fuller
<b>STATE MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	Rev. Michael Sherman
<b>ORATORICAL CONTEST DIRECTOR</b>	Bro. Gregory Bailey
<b>TALENT/CHILDREN AND YOUTH RALLY DIRECTOR</b>	Rev. Terrell Dassau

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**PURPOSE**

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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.

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**STRATEGY**

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

**General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia**  
***61<sup>st</sup> Annual CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

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**ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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**Speech Submission Deadline**

June 23, 2023

**Preliminary**

July 10 and 11

**Final Competition**

July 12

**President**

Rev. Johnny H. Flakes, III

**Oratorical Contest Coordinator**

Bro. Gregory L. Bailey  
(770) 923

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Oratorical Competition is designed to provide a public platform for youth to exhibit speaking, organizational and elocutionary skills. GMBC Congress Competition is divided into two categories. **Category I Competition** is designed for children and 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.

### Category I Guidelines and Rules

1. Each participant will recite the designated Article of Faith.
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 and Tuesday, July 10 and 11.
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](mailto: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  
Mail check or money order to the following address:  
GMBC Headquarters  
P.O. Box 92340  
Atlanta, GA 30314
  - b. Payment must be received by deadline or contestant will be disqualified.
9. **Deadline:** All speeches must be received by **June 23, 2023**. 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 the current theme while Seniors will use the theme for next year's national contest.
3. The speech must be original and prepared by the contestant.
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10. The winner of the Senior Competition will represent the GMBC of Ga. Congress at the ensuing year's National Congress Contest.

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## SPEECH PRESENTATION/ORATION

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The contestant's presentation attire is

- Males: slacks, suit coats and shirts with ties
- 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 the theme, their contestant number, their first and last name 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's oratorical presentation must avoid speaking in sermonic tones, using testimonials and excessive gesturing. 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 Congress of Christian Education. 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 1: The Scriptures, 150 words, 3 minutes

Grades 4 -6: Article 2: The True God, 250 words, 4 minutes

Grades 7-9: Article 3: The Fall of Man, 350 words, 5 minutes

Sophomores and Juniors: "What Should the Church Do to Help Individuals in My Generation Understand Societal Issues (Social Justice, the Pandemic, Racism)?" 500 words

Seniors: "Making the World a Better Place: GenZers Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at Church and in the Community" 500 words

*Grade levels are based on the 2023-2024 academic year.*

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## DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

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**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.

**SERMONIC TONES** refers to "whooping" or "singing" at the conclusion or during any part of the oration.

**TESTIMONIALS** refers to framing the body or content of the speech around a personal testimony/story. This decision is made at the judges' discretion.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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### I. The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.

### II. The True God

We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

### III. The Fall of Man

We believe the Scriptures teach that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgressions fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.



## Honoring **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP**

**Recognition on July 12, 2023, 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 2022 and 2023 academic school years.

Please complete the [form](#) and submit no later than Monday, July 10, 2023, 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.**

	High School
	Bible College or Bible University
	Seminary
	Post Graduate Seminary Studies
	Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) all four phases
	Dean Certification
	Specialization Education Studies Program (SESP)
	Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)
	Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP)
	Author of Published Christian Book (s)
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <div>▪ Author's Name</div> <div>▪ Book Title</div> <div>▪ Date of Publication</div> <div>▪ Publisher</div> </div>

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

	Name of Honoree	
	High School	
	Bible College/University	
	Seminary	
	Degree Received	

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

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**  
Rev. Mark Seals  
Dr. B. Hodges-Tiller  
Sis. Angreen Rainey



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## TALENT / CHILDREN AND YOUTH RALLY

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In lieu of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Night, the Children and Youth Rally will be combined with 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. Each group must supply their own music with a copy in hand to Bro. Terrell Dassau or his designee by 10:00 a.m. Monday. This must be in the form of a CD labeled with the name of the song and group.
4. 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.)
5. Music for all categories must be of the Christian/Inspirational nature.
6. Participants will need to be present at 1:00 p.m. Thursday for practice. A representative from each individual/group/team will be expected to be present to help with music.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE		
Monday	11:15 a.m.	
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	1:00 p.m.

**Only registered delegates are permitted to participate and attend.**

See next page for Registration Form.

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## TALENT / CHILDREN AND YOUTH RALLY – Registration Form

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See previous page for guidelines.

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

**Deadline: Monday, July 10, 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.**

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## DELEGATE GUIDELINES

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*Revised May 19, 2021*

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. **COVID Protocols.** Face masks are to be worn during the entire Convention. Delegates should have a supply to accommodate their needs. Chaperones should have extra face masks and sanitizer for their delegates.
- B. **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.
- C. **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.
- D. **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.
- E. **Chaperones.** Make sure room doors are locked at all times, when in or out of the room. Keep your key with you at all times. Verify that all delegates are securely in their rooms before retiring to yours.
- F. **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—or 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.
- G. **Cards.** Playing cards is not allowed at the Convention. UNO cards are acceptable.
- H. **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. Due to COVID restrictions, the elevator capacity might be reduced. 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 be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.

## 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 hanging out 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.

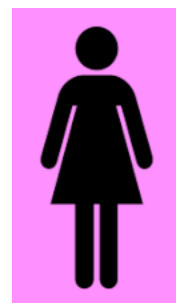
**Talent/Children and Youth Rally Day:** White tops or dress, loose fitting T-shirts with no logos, writings or art. Light colored long khaki pants or skirts with appropriate shoes.

### 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

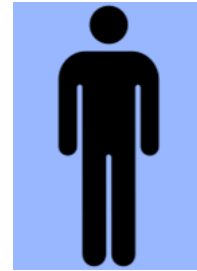
- Spaghetti straps, tube tops, midriffs, halter tops (Cleavage must be covered.)
- T-shirts with commercial ads (Name of church and religious messages are permitted.)
- Shorts, jeggings, jeans with holes, sagging pants or jeans and leggings without tops that extend to the knee
- Sleepwear
- Flip-flops, 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.

## **Thank you 11<sup>th</sup> District Churches, Pastors and Laymen**

**Thank you for a worshipful Congress of Christian Education and  
Children, Youth and Young Adult Convention.**

**Safe travels as you return home.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you ...**

**Numbers 6:24**

