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From the Director's Pen by Dr. Roberta J. Hatcher



"Raising Leaders and Connecting Generations for Kingdom Building"



Greetings to you in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Although we are aware that the pandemic has not been eradicated,

we know that the incidences of infections and deaths have certainly gone down significantly in our state. It is my prayer that Georgians, and Americans as a whole, will continue to carry out the CDC guidelines and help to stop the spread of the virus.

We are also aware that some churches are meeting in person, but many are not, due to issues related to the pandemic. And, by God's grace, some churches have been able to connect members and the community to share the Word through virtual and other alternative means. It is also true that some churches are thriving in spite of the pandemic, with the use of technologies that are available. Therefore, I feel that we must be intentional

about helping all churches and Christian Leadership Schools that require assistance in providing virtual learning. To reach this goal all branches of GMBC Christian Education – the State Congress of Christian Education, the Christian Leadership Institute, the Church Leadership Institute in Fitzgerald, GA, and the combined leadership teams are working together to intentionally help Pastors raise leaders in churches throughout GA. Through the use of technology, our CLS Deans and the GMBC Christian Education leaders are providing virtual training for constituents of all ages, to help connect generations for Kingdom building.

Finally, during this wonderful Thanksgiving season, I cannot close without thanking God for you and the work you have done to expand Christian Education in Georgia. I encourage you to continue reaching out to others, whether in person or virtually, to spread the good news of Christ. To God be the glory for the things He has done.



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The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible **in our life and thoughts.**" ~ George Mueller

Dean Mary Strozier Weave

Dean Mary Strozier-Weaver is a resident of Columbus, GA and is a certified Dean and Instructor through the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. She currently serves as the Dean of the J.H. Flakes Christian Leadership School. She is a member of Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church where Reverend Dr. J. H. Flakes, III is the pastor.

Dean Strozier-Weaver received her Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Morris Brown College and completed additional studies through her employer. Upon completion of her education at Morris Brown College, Mary worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the U S Treasury Department. After thirty-four years and six months of government services, she retired from the U. S. Treasury Department, working in various positions. Dean Strozier-Weaver is an active member of Fourth Street, where she has served as an assistant Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Youth Advisor, Usher's Ministry, PICCM and on the Internal Audit Ministry. Dean Strozier-Weaver was married to the late David Weaver, Jr.

During the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, she has led the advancement of the J. H. Flakes Christian Leadership School by implementing online courses. She has displayed passion and diligence in carrying out her duties as a certified Dean. Congratulations to Dean Mary Strozier-Weaver, our Spotlight Dean.



THE INCEPTION OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Moderator Leroy Henderson of the South Georgia Missionary Baptist Association (SGMBA), February 2020, appointed the following individuals to office:

Congress of Christian Education / Christian Leadership School

- President - Pastor David Adams
- Vice-President - Dr. Loyd Salary
- Dean - Sis. Tia Battles
- Dean of Record - Sis. Jeanette Davis
- Board Advisor -Dr. Joe Troope

The first Christian Leadership School (CLS), under the leadership of Dean Angereen Rainey of Albany, GA, was scheduled for June 18-20, 2020. Due to health restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CLS was postponed. The first CLS classes were held on December 7-11, 2020, Monday through Friday, from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Classes offered were: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts – Instructor Dean Jeanette Davis, Christians Beliefs – Instructor Dr. Joe Troope, and Biblical Ethics – Instructor Dr. William C. Morgan. A total of 45 students participated in the CLS (Zoom) classes.



Pastor-Moderator LeRoy Henderson Jr.



Pastor Joe Troope



Pastor David Adams



Pastor Loyd Salary



Sister Jeanette Davis



Sister Tia Battles

Walk by Faith, not by Sight. II Corinthians 5:7



The GMBC Regional C. E. Coordinators



Dean Princeanna Walker, Northern Regional Coordinator, is a member of Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia where Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander is the Pastor. Originally from Columbus Georgia, Dean Walker currently serves as Antioch's Director of the Christian Education and a member of the Finance ministry. With over 25 years of experience in Christian Education, Dean Walker has a long history of participation in the Congress of Christian Education at both the state and national levels. At Antioch, Dean Walker facilitates teacher training, bible study and various other Christian education workshops. Professionally, Dean Walker specializes in adult education and is a Certified Health Education Specialist. She is currently a doctoral student at Georgia State University in Educational Psychology. With a passion for learning and teaching, Dean Walker gives thanks and all glory to God for her gift.



Reverend Veon Williams, Southern Regional Coordinator, is the Pastor of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Camilla, GA where he has served as Senior Pastor for eleven years. During his tenure as Pastor, he has focused on the continued, spiritual growth of his congregation through Christian Education. He received his certification as a Dean of Standard Leadership Training Schools in May of 2014. Upon completion of the certification process, he was instrumental delivering the New Grady Missionary Baptist Association with its first certified Congress of Christian Education. He is the current Moderator, and past Dean of New Grady Missionary Baptist Association. He has served as the Assistant Secretary of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia under the leadership of President, Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin. Reverend Williams received his Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, FL. He is employed by Oil-Dri Corporation of Georgia. He is married to Mary Annette Tarver-Williams.



Reverend Millicent West, Southern Regional Coordinator, is a native of Charleston, SC. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, holds a Master of Education degree in Counseling (University of Maryland – College Park), and a Master of Religious Education degree (Liberty University). In 2016, she became a nationally certified instructor for the Sunday School Publishing Board and in 2017, became a certified Christian Leadership School Dean. She currently serves as Dean at New Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Augusta, GA. In 1987, she received her ministerial license, and in 1996, she received her license as a Baptist minister and was ordained in May 2012. She has also served in several church leadership positions, including Executive Assistant to the Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, and Minister of Worship. Additionally, she worked as an Adjunct Professor of Religion at Paine College until she resigned in December 2020. Reverend West and her husband, Reverend Isaac West, Jr. are the proud parents of three children and five precious grandchildren.



Reverend Doctor Brandon Ralph Isome, Western Regional Coordinator, was born in Columbus, Georgia to the proud parents of Ralph and Vicki Isome. He accepted the call to ministry in 2006 and was called to serve as the Presiding Pastor at the Nazareth Baptist Church in May 2009 at the age of 23. After teaching, preaching, and caring for the membership, Dr. Isome was called to serve as the 5th Pastor of the Nazareth Baptist Church on October 16, 2010. Since his calling, Dr. Isome has taught at the various Mt. Calvary and GMBC Conventions and Congresses. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee; and received a Master of Divinity Degree with a concentration in Homiletics and Worship from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, GA. Later, Rev. Isome completed his second master's Degree at Samford University in Educational Leadership. He earned the Doctor of Ministry Degree from ITC. Dr. Isome is married to Ashley Michelle Isome, and they have two sons, Braydon A. Isome and Brycen R. Isome.

Encourage each other and build each other up. | Thessalonians 5:11



Cancellation of the 2021 SSPB Conference...

Dr. Derrick Jackson, SSPB Executive Director, announced the postponement of the 43rd Annual SSPB Conference until November 27-30, 2022. Letters were emailed to conferees on November 10, 2021.



GMBC Assistant Christian Education Registrar



Pastor Leon Ward, Jr. and his wife, Geri (Reeves) Ward of fifty-one years, have three adult daughters and six grandchildren. Pastor Leon serves as: President of the Congress of Christian Education for the 6th District of the GMBC; President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Union Missionary and Education Association; a member of the Evangelical Alliance of Macon and Vicinity and the Baptist Ministers Union of Macon and Vicinity; and other community involvement in the Middle Georgia area. Pastor Leon Ward, Jr. is the former President and Dean of the Congress of Christian Education for the Middle Georgia Orthodox Association; the former Assistant Dean of the Congress of Christian Education of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia (GMBC); former Board of Trustee member for the Middle Georgia Regional Library; the Past President of the Baptist Ministers Union of Macon and Vicinity; and he served previously as a Commissioner with the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Board.

GMBC Dean of Record



Deaconess Kathy J. Morgan was Born and reared in Savannah, Georgia and resides in Rincon, Georgia. She graduated Savannah High School and attended Savannah State (College) University. Deaconess Morgan is a certified Instructor for the Sunday School Publishing Board COPP and a certified Dean for the Berean Missionary Baptist Association Congress. Deaconess Morgan is affiliated with First Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Roemain Bennett, Sr. She also serves as the Church Secretary, President of the Deaconess Ministry, and Minister of Music. In addition to serving as Dean of Record for the GMBC of GA, Inc., she is a member of the Devotional Team for the Women's Auxiliary and serves as Musician for the GMBC Deaconess Ministry. Deaconess Morgan is married to Deacon Eddie Morgan, Sr. She is a proud mother and grandmother.

Coming Events for Deans 2022

- Mar. 5 GMBC Vacation Bible School Workshop (Zoom)
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
- Apr 25-27 SSPB Southeast Regional Coordinator's Conference (Zoom)

Christian Leadership Schools

February 7, 2022 – March 8, 2022 (Zoom)
South Georgia District CLS
Howard-Johnson Ed. Bldg. 4541 St. Mark Church Rd.
Naylor, GA 31641
Tia Battles, Dean

March 7, 2022 – May 31, 2022 (Zoom)
Good Shepherd Bible Academy CLS
1714 Olive Road
Augusta, GA 30904
Dr. Roberta J. Hatcher, Dean



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