CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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THEME: “SOLIDARITY WITH THE SAVIOR
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DIVISION I: BIBLICAL STUDIES / THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

1004 – Effective Bible Reading (COPP) Phase 1
This course identifies the appropriate methods, approaches and other suggestions on how to read the
Bible for spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Areas that will be covered include structure of the
Bible, resources for study, literary styles. How to Study and Teach the Bible, Scruggs, SSPB

Instructor: Rev. Jimmie Mikell ©          Savannah, Georgia

1007 – Introduction to the Old Testament (COPP) Phase 1
This course will survey the Old Testament. Included in this survey will be a General overview of the
divisions, time periods, places, events, people and Archaeology of the Old Testament. Survey of the Old
Testament, Benware, Moody.

Instructor: Rev. James Walker ©          Atlanta, Georgia

1072 – Introduction to the New Testament (COPP) Phase 1
This course will survey the New Testament. Included in this survey will be a general overview of the
divisions, time periods, places, events, people and Archaeology of the New Testament section of the
Bible. Survey of the New Testament, Benware, Moody

Instructor Rev. Carl Wardlaw ©          Lyons, Georgia

1075 – The Synoptic Gospels (COPP) Phase 2
This course will focus on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Students will study the life
and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. The Synoptic Gospels, Revised and

Instructor: Rev. Andre Gilyard ©          Marietta, Georgia

1079 – Survey of John (COPP) Phase 3
This course will focus on the fourth gospel and its uniqueness. Students will identify the specific features that
characterize John’s gospel and that distinguish it from the Synoptic Gospels, with emphasis on John’s
writings and the ministry of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of John, Volumes 1 & 2, Daily Study Bible,
William Barclay, Westminster

Instructor: Rev. Marcus Gibson ©          Columbus, Georgia

1081 – The Teachings of Jesus
This course will focus on the instructional ministry of Jesus as described in all four gospels. All the
Teachings of Jesus, Herbert Lockyer, Hendrickson Publishers

Instructor: Dr. Timothy French ©          Macon, Georgia

1089 – Survey of Romans (COPP) Phase 3
This course will focus on a thematic overview of major issues presented in Paul’s doctrinal letter to the
Roman Christians. The Letter to the Romans, William Barclay, Westminster

Instructor: Rev. James Ramey ©          Monroe, Georgia
Women in the New Testament
This course will focus on biblical women and their contribution to the growth and development of the early church. The students will also examine the unique roles of Mary (the Mother of Jesus) and Elizabeth (the mother of John the Baptist). *Every Woman in the Bible*, Larry Richards, Thomas Nelson.

**Instructor: Sis. Elizabeth White ©**
**Fort Valley, Georgia**

**DIVISION II: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian Stewardship (COPP) Phase 1
This course will cover the basic tenets of Christian Stewardship – time, talent and tithe. Through a better understanding of the spiritual principles, practices and contributions that Christian stewardship makes to personality development and kingdom growth, the student will more effectively manage the resources with which God has blessed him or her. *What in the World is Christian Stewardship?*
Calahan, NBPB

**Instructor: Rev. Robert Dickerson ©**
**Columbus, Georgia**

Debt-Free Living: How to Manage Your Money through the Word
This course emphasizes how to manage your money through the Word. Students will discover God’s design for money and how it may best glorify Him as they manage it. *Master Your Money, Revised*, Ron Blue, Thomas Nelson

**Instructor: Rev. LaCoya Day ©**
**Columbus, Georgia**

Baptist Doctrine (COPP) Phase 1
This course examines, with simplicity and clarity, the basic teachings of the Baptist faith. Students will explore each doctrinal position and biblical basis for each doctrinal position taught in the class. *Baptist Beliefs*, Mullins, Judson

**Instructor: Rev. Clarence Brown©**
**Marietta, Georgia**

Foundation for Christian Ethics (COPP) Phase 1
This course is designed for understanding the philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics. Students will engage in biblical principles for decision making and conduct. *Christian Ethics – Option and Issues*, Geisler, Baker Press

**Instructor: Rev. Guy Hodges©**
**Savannah, Georgia**

Creative Ways of Teaching
This course is designed to instruct in the methods of teaching in the local church setting. It’s designed to assist teachers in discovering new ways of teaching such as learning behaviors, strategies of student learning and behavior. *Effective Teaching Practices for 21st Century Christian Educators*, M. E. McConnell, SSPB

**Instructor: Sis. Beatrice Brown ©**
**Augusta, Georgia**

The Church’s Teaching Ministry to Children
This course is designed to help the children’s teacher become more equipped in the art of teaching. Matters such as holding students’ attention and encouraging involvement will be discussed. *Follow Me As I Follow Christ: A Guide to Teaching Children in Church*, Cheryl Dunlop, Moody Publishers

**Instructor: Dr. Brenda Hodges-Tiller ©**
**Albany, Georgia**
2036 – Creative Activities in Guiding Children
This course will assist teachers in using interactive activities, such as writing, art, music, dance, poetry, and others that promote biblical learning for children. *The Christian Educator’s Handbook on Children’s Ministry, 2nd ed; Reaching and Teaching the Next Generation*, Robert J. Choun & Michael S. Lawson, Baker / Revell

Instructor: Sis. Sonya Lacy ©
Snellville, Georgia

2097 – Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
This course will examine the current trends, methodologies, and practices in Christian education to determine their validity and alliance with scripture.

Instructor: Dr. Roberta Hatcher ©
Augusta, Georgia

DIVISION III: DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY / THEOLOGY

3007 – History of Baptists (COPP) Phase 2
This course will examine the roots of the Baptist faith. Students will study the historical development of the Baptist denomination. *History of Baptist*, Torbett, Judson

Instructor: Rev. Paul Sheppard ©
Savannah, Georgia

3008 – Theology and History of Christianity (COPP) Phase 1
This course will outline the development of the Christian movement from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry on earth to present times. Students will focus on the culture and times that enable Christianity to spawn and grow. Prominent persons who impacted the Christian movement will be identified. *A History of Christianity*, Paul Johnson, Touchstone Book, Simon & Schuster

Instructor: Bro. Henry Baptiste ©
Augusta, Georgia

4001 – Basic Christian Beliefs
This course will focus on questions regarding historical and contemporary Christian faith. Students will explore the beliefs and interpretations of the faith and will be guided to develop a satisfying personal Christian belief system and life-purpose statement. *Fundamentals of Our Faith*, Hobbs, Broadman

Instructor: Rev. Richard Gammage©
Macon, Georgia

4012 – The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (COPP) Phase 2
Students will study the person and work of the Holy Spirit. This study will include a thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that impact our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*, Torrey, Zondervan

Instructor: Rev. Ronnie Gantt ©
Athens, Georgia

4013 – Theology of the Early Church (COPP) Phase 2
This course examines the theology of the early church as its beginning came through Judaism, how it formed and became a standard New Testament view. Special emphasis will be placed on the prophecies of Jesus Christ and the Pauline letters. *Concise Theology: A Guide to Historical Christian Belief*, Packer, Tyndale House

Instructor: Rev. Ellis Carswell ©
Montrose, Georgia
5006 – Leadership in the Local Church
This course will establish the need for leadership in the local church atmosphere. God’s mandate for leadership throughout the Scriptures will be the main thrust. *The Dynamics of Church Leadership*, Aubrey Malphurs, Baker. *Christian Leadership*. William Flippin.

**Instructor:** Dr. William Flippin ©
**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

5011 – How to call a Leader/Pastor to the Local Church
This course emphasizes the proper procedure for calling a pastor using biblical principles. The course will highlight the role of the pastor search/pulpit committee and its responsibility to the church. The course will further discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in the entire process.

**Instructor:** Rev. Ronald Toney ©
**Location:** Macon, Georgia

5012 – Becoming an Effective Deacon
This course is designed to assist the deacon in becoming aware of his biblical base. The student taking this course will be presented with ideas that will enable him to more effectively perform his duties. *The Baptist Deacon*, Naylor, Broadman Press

**Instructor:** Dea. Clarence Hicks ©
**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

5013 – The Layman as a Leader and Steward
This course is designed to place emphasis on the role of laymen in the world and responsibility as men to their God over creation.

**Instructor:** Bro. Ernest Tinsley ©
**Location:** Powder Springs, Georgia

5015 – The Role of the Deacon’s Wife/Deaconess
This course is designed to assist the deacon’s wife/deaconess in becoming aware of how she can be of assistance to the work of the deacon. *The Work of the Deacon & Deaconess*, Harold Nichols, Judson Press

**Instructor:** Dr. Mary L. Hicks ©
**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

6003 – The Work of the Church Trustee
The purpose of this course is to focus on the responsibilities of trustees. Students will be introduced to the work and role of trustees in the church. This course will explore and define duties of trustees. Including management, building maintenance and fiscal controls. *The Work of the Church Trustee*, Orlando Tibbetts, Judson Press

**Instructor:** Rev. Chester M. Hayes ©
**Location:** Columbus, Georgia

6008 – Work of the Church Secretary / Clerk
This course will serve as a general overview of the work of the church secretary / clerk. Basic functions of the secretary will be covered to familiarize the participants with the importance of this position as it relates to the interaction generated between the members and official church staff. *The Professional Secretary’s Handbook*, American Heritage Staff, Houghton – Mifflin

**Instructor:** Sis. Kelda Cubit
**Location:** Macon, Georgia

6013 – Organizing the Church for Christian Education
This course will focus on the various administrative and organizational skills needed to direct the Christian Education department. *Christian Education Handbook: A Revised and Completely Updated Edition*, Powers, Editor: Bruce Powers, Broadman/Holman

**Instructor:** Bro. Gregory Bailey
**Location:** Tucker, Georgia
6021 – Spiritual Formation
This course is designed to enable people to mature in their Christian walk. It will focus on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults – to becoming better disciples for Jesus Christ.

Instructor: Rev. Brian Wilborn © Savannah, Georgia

7001 – Building Healthy Churches
This course is designed to help leaders in local churches understand the importance of being a healthy church in the community. Various biblical principles shall be studied to effectively move a stagnate ministry to a flourishing congregation.

Instructor: Rev. I. Edwin Mack © Macon, Georgia

7005 – Christian Evangelism
This course is designed to teach the basic steps in developing a program of evangelism. Students will discover the appropriate Scriptures to use and the methods and techniques to witness to the non-believer. Evangelism Witnessing Ministry, Thomas, SSPB

Instructor: Sis. Lula Harper © Albany, Georgia

7011 – Developing a Discipleship Ministry
This course is designed to assist the local church leader in recruiting the proper people, and to utilize tools to build an effective discipleship ministry. The course will provide the church leader with a view of various models of discipleship ministries that will allow the interested church leader to view various modes of discipleship. Christian Discipleship, Steven Collins, Hensley Publishing

Instructor: Rev. Corey Neal © Columbus, Georgia

7014 – Developing a New Members Ministry
This course is designed to develop a new member’s ministry and provide techniques for recruiting teachers as well as developing a curriculum design for the local church. 5 Steps to Making Disciples, Leaders Guide, Bill Bright, New Life Publications

Instructor: Rev. Alfred Hazel © Winder, Georgia

7024 – Discovering your Spiritual Gifts (COPP) Phase 2
This course is designed to help students who God has uniquely made them to be. In addition, in this course, students will work through a spiritual gift assessment that will help them to discover their spiritual gift(s). 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. What You Do Best in the Body of Christ: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style, and God-Given Passion.

Instructor: Dr. Albertine L. Marshall © Stone Mountain, Georgia

8002 – Organizing an Effective Prayer Ministry
This course is designed to provide various methods to develop an effective prayer ministry for the local church. It presents techniques for mid-week prayer service and how to include the total church membership and other departmental ministries in this essential biblical prudence. Partners in Prayer, John Maxwell, Thomas Nelson/W

Instructor: Rev. Michael P. Dickerson Claxton, Georgia

8014 – The Church’s Ministry to Youth
This course is designed to help church leaders and youth workers develop a viable youth ministry. Students will discover ways to assess the needs of youth, plan and implement programs to address those needs, and evaluate youth ministry programs. What I Wish My Youth Leader Knew About Youth Ministry, Standard Publishing

Instructor: Rev. W. J. Lawson © Atlanta, Georgia
8015 – The Work of the Youth Director
This course is designed to acquaint the youth director with the work of the youth department. The organizational structure, goals and objectives, as well as available resources will be the focus of the study. *Youth Ministry Handbook*, Josh McDowell, T. Nelson/W

**Instructors:** Rev. Bobby Berryman  
Sis. Peggy Berryman  
Royston, Georgia

8016 – The Church Confronting Youth Violence
The focus of this course is on the growing youth violence culture, the causes and effects, and strategies that the church can employ to counter this violence. *Hear My Story: Understanding the Cries of Troubled Youth*, Dean Borgman, Hendrickson

**Instructor:** Bro. Willie Powers©  
Albany, Georgia

8018 – The Ministry of Church Ushering
The course is designed to teach the basic elements of ushering in the church. Students will learn the basic signs, positions, and post locations commonly used in ushering within the church. *Usher's Manual*, Parrott, Zondervan and *Door Keepers*, Eason, Kyker

**Instructor:** Sis. Brenda Eason ©  
Atlanta, Georgia

8023 – Ministry to the Deaf and Hearing – Impaired
This course enables those who are interested in ministering to the deaf or hearing impaired. The beginning of sign language will be the heart of this course. *Sign Language for Everyone*, Cathy Rice, Thomas Nelson

**Instructor:** Sis. Janet Hill  
Decatur, Georgia

8045 – Maintaining a Good Marriage and a Strong Family
This course will provide information on instructions and problem solving concepts on the necessities involved in maintaining a good marriage and strong family structure. *Keeping the Knot Tied*, Callaway, SSPB

**Instructor:** Dr. Ralph W. Huling ©  
Midland, Georgia

9004 – Writing Techniques I (COPP) Phase 2
This course will focus on the Certificated 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. *A Pocket Style Manual*, 3rd Edition, Hacker, St. Martin

**Instructor:** Dr. Evelyn Baker – Dandy ©  
Savannah, Georgia

9016 – Organization and Administration of Church Music Ministries
This course will provide the local church with the foundational/organizational structure of the various music ministries along the avenues for administering these ministries as a vital part of the mission of the church. *The Ministry of Music*, Kenneth Osbeck, Kregel Publications

**Instructors:** Rev. Clarence Williams ©  
Sis. Levita Carter  
Savannah, Georgia  
Macon, Georgia
DIVISION V: YOUTH DIVISION

(Ages 13 – 24) Limit 40 students per class

Y100 – Living on Top of the World (ages 12 – 17)
This class is designed for young believers how to overcome the negative influences of today’s culture.

Instructor: Rev. Andre Osborne Savannah, Georgia

Y200 – Truth vs. Reality (ages 12 – 17)
This class is designed to teach young believers how to embrace the truth of God’s Word and avoid the negative reality of today’s culture.

Instructor: Rev. Darius Moore Columbus, Georgia

Y300 – I’m Over That (ages 12 – 17)
This class is designed to teach young people how to overcome struggles through prayer, Christian fellowship and the study of God’s Word.

Instructor: Bro. Sean Brewton Ludwici, Georgia

Y400 – Exit Strategy (ages 12 – 17)
This class is designed to teach young believers how to identify and overcome temptation.

Instructor: Rev. Adrian Chester Columbus, Georgia

Y500 – The Main Thing or The Side Thing (12 – 17)
This class is designed to teach young believers the importance of prioritizing their relationships with Christ above everything and everyone.

Instructor: Rev. John Lacy Riverdale, Georgia

Y600 – Protecting the Holes in Your Head (12 – 17)
This course is designed to teach young believers the importance of guarding their ears and eyes while growing in their relationship with Christ.

Instructor: Rev. Tyrese Ivey Macon, Georgia

Y700 – Teens and Technology (12 – 17)
This course is designed to teach young believers how to discern the appropriate and inappropriate use of technology.

Instructor: Rev. Ricky Smith Bishop, Georgia

Y800 - Look In The Mirror
This class is designed to teach young believers how to over low self-esteem and embrace a positive self-image.

Instructor: Sis. Leticia Heflin Atlanta, Georgia

Y900 – The Main Thing or The Side Thing (18 – 24)
This class is designed to teach young adult believers the importance of prioritizing their relationships with Christ above everything and everyone.

Instructor: Rev. Brandon Isome Columbus, Georgia
Those classes and instructors that are certified by the Division of Christian Education Accreditation of Credentials of the Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB) of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

COPP Certificate of Progress Program – Those courses that are required for the Certificate of Progress issued by the SSPB

DIVISION VI: CHILDREN’S DIVISION
(Ages 12 & Under)

Directors: Sis. Beverly Robinson
Sis. Arlean Hyman
Gainesville, Georgia
Social Circle, Georgia

Instructors: Sis. Rosetta King
Sis. Adrie Buckner-Johnson
Sis. Wanda D. Chaplin
Gainesville, Georgia
Columbus, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia

Ages 3 - 5.................................................................Bible Stories
Ages 6 - 8.............................................................. #9400 – Why We Pray
Ages 3 - 5......................................................... #9401 – Why We Worship God
Ages 3 - 5.............................................. #9402 - Why We Do What We Do As Baptist
DIVISION VII: MINISTERS’ WIVES SEMINAR

Coordinator / Instructor:   Sis. Betty S. Hope      Athens, Georgia
Instructor:    Sis. Altamese Morgan         Valdosta, Georgia
Seminar Topic:  #9601 - “The Minister’s Wife Defining their Ministry Through Steadfast Faith”
Afternoon Seminar:   The Minister's Wife – “Solidarity with the Savior through Our Witness”

DIVISION VIII: MINISTER’S DIVISION

Director:    Rev. Richard B. Haynes      Lilburn, Georgia

Seminar I:   *Sermon Preparation*
Instructor: Rev. Richard Hall            Savannah, Georgia
Seminar II:  *Programming for Christian Education in the Local Church*
Instructor: Dr. Sam Davis                Augusta, Georgia
Seminar III: *Baptist Doctrine*
Instructor: Rev. Fredrick Favors        Thomson, Georgia
Seminar IV:  *Pastoral Care: Helping Pastors That Are Struggling*
Instructor: Dr. R. L. White              Atlanta, Georgia
Seminar V:   *Church Leadership & Administration*
Instructor: Rev. William C. Morgan       Valdosta, Georgia
Seminar VI:  *Hermeneutics*
Instructor: Rev. Stephen Samuel          Gainesville, Georgia
Moderators  Instructor: Rev. James Potts      Villa Rica, Georgia
                        Instructor: Rev. Anthony Colbert  Macon, Georgia
YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY

**Music**

- **Director:** Dr. Doris Terry
- **Registrar:** Sis. Joyce Gary
- **Drama:** Sis. Shirley White
- **Drama:** Sis. Joyce Gary
- **Drama:** Bro. Robert Tucker
- **Dance:** Sis. Davetrina Davidson
- **Mime:** Bro. Kenneth Rozier
- **Music:** Bro. David Sharpe

Macon, Georgia

**Art**

Dr. Doris Terry

**Dance**

Macon, Georgia

**Drama**

Macon, Georgia

CHILDREN’S RALLY

**Director:** Sis. Homerzelle Gentry

**Dance:** Sis. Tamara Ross

**Step Team:** Bro. Kenneth Porch

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