



January 13, 2012

Dear Pastor and Auxiliary Executive Director:

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ! As you are aware, it is time for the General Missionary Baptist State Convention's Spring Session that has been scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, March 12-14, 2012, at the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist church, 117 Pilgrim Boulevard, Natchez, MS 39120. For your convenience, we have negotiated special room rates for our Messengers at the Natchez Grand Hotel (not Casino connected) and the Natchez Eola Hotel of **\$89.00** per night for single and double room occupancy. You may call the Natchez Grand Hotel, 111 North Broadway Street, Natchez, Mississippi at 601.446.9994 and the Natchez Eola Hotel, 110 North Pearl Street, Natchez, Mississippi at 601.445.6000 to make room reservations. ***It is extremely important that you make these reservations by Sunday, February 12, 2012, in order to receive the negotiated \$89.00 rate*** and identify that you are with the General Missionary Baptist State Convention, when making your reservations.

We will have our Pastor/Minister's Conference on Monday, March 12, 2012, and Dr. Mack King Carter, noted Preacher, Teacher, Author and Lecturer from Ocala, Florida will facilitate. This Conference is designed with pastors, preachers and ministers in mind. This is an opportunity for all ***pastors*** and ***preachers*** to gain additional information for professional enrichment. The theme for the Pastor/Minister's conference is ***"Ministering to Preachers in Times of Crisis, Part II."***

The General Session (all auxiliaries) will begin on Tuesday morning, March 13, 2012, and will follow the outline for the session. The location of the Session activities can be found at the end of this correspondence and on the GMBSC website (www.gmbsc.org). Registration for the Session will be held on site at Pilgrim Baptist Church. The minimum registration fee is \$1,200.00 per year or \$400.00 per session (March, July and November).

There will be six classes offered on Wednesday. The details about two are not complete at this time. Further details regarding the target audiences for all seminars will be posted on the website at a later date. The listing of confirmed classes are: **Seminar I – "Strategies for Implementing a Small Groups Ministry"** – Dr. Jacqueline Mack, **Seminar II – "Preparing Teachers for Christian Education: An Intentional Model for Staff Development"** – Dr. Arthur Cartlidge, **Seminar III – "Restoring the Significance of Communion in Worship"** – Reverend C. J. Rhodes, **Seminar IV – "Meet the Millennials: What your Ministry should know about the Next Great Generation"** – Dr. Don Washington.

Monday, March 12, 2012
9:00 a.m. Pastor/Minister's Conference

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

09:00 a.m. Spring Session Board Meeting
11:35 a.m. Opening of Session
02:00 p.m. Auxiliary Meetings

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

08:30 a.m. Congress of C. Ed. Classes
12:00 noon Lunch
02:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

I am requesting that all Moderators meet with me on Monday March 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Please RSVP no later than March 7, 2012, by calling Mississippi Baptist Seminary at 769-233-8089 and confirm with Mrs. Rachel Stiff.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary Night has been scheduled for Tuesday night, March 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alvin Edwards, Recording Secretary for the National Baptist Convention. It is imperative that we support our Seminary, so I am asking that each church and Auxiliary bring \$200.00 in support of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College. This money will be used for operation of the Seminary. The Seminary has experienced increased budgetary expenses of approximately \$5,000.00 monthly.

Additionally, I need to identify all GMBSC Board members and provide you with Convention identification badges. Each Board member needs to register and secure a badge. Registration for Board members will be open beginning Monday March 12, 2012, after 12:00 noon and end on Tuesday March 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Please comply with the request to register and receive necessary credentials to be identified as a Board member.

Please forward information on the Session and our request for additional money for the Seminary to your various auxiliaries (Laymen, Women, Ushers, Music, and Young People's Department). We encourage participation in all auxiliaries of the Convention.

Continue to pray for our Convention, the administration, and the fruitfulness of the work before us.

In His Service,



Isiac Jackson, Jr.

Spring 2012 Session Locations

March 12, 2012

Registration for Attendees

Pilgrim Baptist Church, 117 Pilgrim Boulevard Natchez, MS

The Monday Morning **Minister's Conference** will be held at **Pilgrim Baptist Church**.

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The **Board Meeting**, General Sessions and Seminary Night will be held at **Pilgrim Baptist Church**.

The Auxiliary Concurrent Sessions are proposed to be held at the following locations:

- **Women and Music Departments** will be held at **Christian Hope Baptist Church 301 LaSalle Street, Natchez, MS**
- **Laymen, Youth, and Usher Departments** will be held at **Pilgrim Baptist Church**

March 14, 2012

All **Congress Classes** will be held at **Pilgrim Baptist Church**