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Dear Pastors and Ministers,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I pray that you and yours are well. The time is nearing for the fall session of GMBSC and I want to share with you some exciting news regarding what you can expect. We are repurposing the fall session for pastors, ministers and their wives. This conference will be dedicated to pouring into them with intentional sessions, conversations, and activities that will encourage, uplift, and sharpen you for cutting-edge ministry. I invite you to go online today to see the exciting lineup and conference schedules at www.gmbsc.org and to make your hotel reservations. The convention rate for the hotels ends October 14, so please don't delay in making your reservation!

While you may register online for the conference, if you prefer, you may also register by using the enclosed registration form. Please be reminded that churches are asked to register with GMBSC at each session with \$400.00 (or \$1200.00 annually). This is the basic cost for church affiliation with GMBSC. The cost for the conference is \$100.00, which will cover the pastor and wife for the entire conference. So, you should register both the church with the convention and yourself for the conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Gulfport, MS November 14-15 for this conference that I know will impact and empower you for this calling to ministry.

In His service and yours,

Rev. Reginald M. Buckley

President



"One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2022

Morning Star M.B. Church 2050 Thornton Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501 Reverend John H. Whitfield, Pastor

Generations: Now and Next

Generations: Now and Next is an acknowledgment that the best of ministry must happen with an appreciation of the needs and application of the tools of the present church while also having a pulse for and eye toward the trends, needs, interests, and methods of the future church. This conference will help pastors and pastor wives to consider the unique needs of their own generation and to be introduced to the needs and issues of those generations following them in order to help prepare future leaders to effectively serve their congregations. The conference will also help our pastors, ministers and their wives to develop relationships between generations through reflective conversations, mentoring moments and story-telling. This annual conference seeks to attend to the unique needs of the pastors, ministers and their wives in a way that encourages their growth in ministry and faith, supports their development as a family unit, and facilitates their personal development.

See the conference schedule and register at www.gmbsc.org/session



SESSION SPEAKERS:



DR. BARTHOLOMEW ORR

Brown Baptist Church

Southaven, MS



REV. MARCUS CATHEYWest Point Baptist Church,
Hattiesburg, MS



REV. ISAIAH ROBERTSON Hope in Christ Community Church, Compton, CA

▶ <u>Session 1:</u> Black Church Matters: Why church goers are leaving the black church, where they are going and what we can do about it - Dr. Bartholomew Orr

This session will bring clarity to the issue of declining membership within the black church. Recent studies suggest that those who leave the church are not necessarily rejecting the faith, but are reassessing the way they need to experience and interact with it. How can traditional black churches respond in a way that honors the essence of who we are while exploring what we can be?

Under consideration will issues like:

- Ministering to Millenials and Gen Z
- Culture wars and political divides
- Worship sensibilities
- Relevant ministry and methods

Session 2: Identifying and Training the Next Generation of Church Leaders - Rev. Marcus Cathey

Strong church leadership is critical for a vibrant and growing church. This session will help pastors learn how to cultivate, locate and prepare the next group of leaders for ministry in and through the church.

Some of the points of consideration include:

- What the new church leader looks like
- New and emerging skill necessary for ministry
- Helping your members become influencers
- Making social media a fully functioning ministry
- Implementing new training modes, methods, and materials
- Cultivating your next leaders

Session 3: Understanding and engaging the Black Hebrew Israelite movement: Coming to a Church Near You - Rev. Isaiah Robertson

- What is the BHI movement?
- What do they believe?
- Are they dangerous, violent, or a threat to the church?
- Interrogating their beliefs, deflecting their tactics, and defending the faith



Pastors' and Ministers' wives embracing our unique role as leaders and influencers while nurturing our own spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

During the conference, wear the shoes that make you happy, productive, and confident. Support the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence by bringing a new pair of shoes or slippers. This collection is keeping with the convention's Impact 25:40 effort.

SESSION TOPICS:

- The Pastor's and Minister's Wife as a Leadership Role
 This session is designed to examine the complexities of life as a pastor's and
 minister's wife and to identify the joys and opportunities that accompany this
 commitment. Pastors' and Ministers' wives are also encouraged to examine their
 identity and its relationship to their spouse.
- Wellbeing for Pastors' and Ministers' Wives
 Two sessions are designed to identify the scriptural support for balance and rest in one's personal life and to provide strategies and ideas for means to support wellbeing while recognizing the unique responsibilities, challenges, and stresses of being a pastor's or minister's wife.
 - Wellbeing Session 1 Spiritual and Physical Wellbeing
 - Wellbeing Session 2 Mental and Emotional Wellbeing

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HOST HOTEL:

Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront \$124/night

(228) 864-4310 Group Code: GMB

Reserve by October 14

SpringHill Suites Gulfport I-10 \$119/night

(228) 265-5869 Group Code: Missionary Baptist Church

Reserve by October 24

Direct hotel registration links are online at www.gmbsc.org/session



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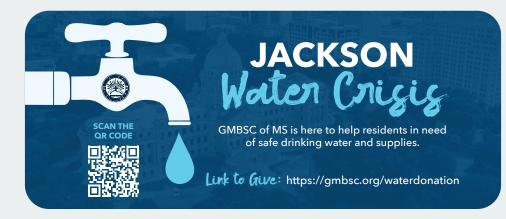
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Focus: Church Leaders, Workers and Educators



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Focus: Parent Body, Congress of Christian Education, and GMBSC Students



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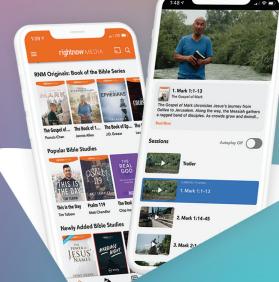
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