East Mississippi Baptist State Convention

30th Anniversary Celebration

Conference of Christian Educators


Theme:

Envisioning the Future Exceptionally:
Through Our Commitment to Christian Stewardship

~Jeremiah 29:11; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2~

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church

544 – James Chaney Drive
Meridian, MS 39301

Rev. A.D. Lewis, Host Pastor

Rev. Cecil J. Ashford, State Director

Rev. Willie E. Jones, State Convention President
Greetings from the EMBSC President
Rev. Dr. Willie E. Jones

Greetings and Welcome to all participants of our (EMBSC) “CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR’S CONFERENCE”

It is with a great sense of humility and feeling of gratitude to our Christ who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think, according to the power that worketh within us. To the only wise God our Father, be glory and honor; dominion and power.

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome our Special Guest, Sis. Patricia Williams, Supervisor of the (DCEAC) and Pastor Eric Williams, Director of the (CCOP) of the Sunday School Publishing Board of our National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. It is a blessing to have them with us.

I believe also congratulations is in order to our State Director of Christian Education Rev. Dr. Cecil Ashford who has been chosen as State Director of the Year for 2015. “Well Done” thy good and faithful servant!

We anticipate a rich and rewarding experience in this year’s conference. What better way to “Envision the V.I.E.W.” than through Christian Education.

Piggy-backing on the 2014, 36th Annual SSPB Conference in Nashville, TN, “The WORD in 3-D”, I challenge each of you to put on your 3-D glasses and lets “Envision the Future Exceptionally” and I promise you, you will see and learn some stuff and some things that the natural mind and eye cannot see. Watch God’s Word come alive in our lives.

I greet you in the merciful and marvelous name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Yours In His Service,

Willie E. Jones, President
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.
Greetings from the State Director
Rev. Cecil J. Ashford

Grace and peace to you from our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to the Constituents of East MS for the continued support you have given me and this Christian Education Ministry. Thank you President Jones for the confidence that you have placed and allowed me to continue in the leadership role as Christian Education Director. Thank you East Mississippi for your support and generosity as I was awarded the National State Director of the Year, thank you President and Sis Jones for your presence. I could not have attained that honor without your loyal support.

Welcome to this annual EMBSC Education Conference and Awards Night. This conference has been planned with opportunities for worship, study and fellowship with the hope you will be enriched and equipped to serve a Risen Savior and glorify God. The Conference theme: "Equipping Church Leaders for Ministry" Jesus gave the mandate for his disciples to be a teaching church. This call is for an ongoing program of teaching and training. During this time of timeless challenge of life, we must "not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus the Christ. Let us embrace the blessed privilege to go make disciples and "teach them to observe all things".

I am grateful that you chose to attend this annual event. This event is designed especially for you. Various presenters have been selected to help equip you for the task that lies ahead. As a new feature for this year's conference we will honor a Church from each district. I am proud to announce that our keynote speaker, Ms. Patricia Williams of the Sunday School Publishing Board. My prayers are that you will be blessed by being here. Like, Nehemiah who led the people to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem, we have prayed and we have planned. Now, lend us your mind, lend us your Voices, and give us your time, and we will leave here better than we came.

Rev. Cecil J. Ashford
EMBSC State Director of Christian Education
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

“Oh how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”. – Psalm 133:1. It gives me great honor and pleasure to offer greetings and congratulatory expressions to the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Christian Education Department for the wonderful things that has been and are being transpired for the building of God’s Kingdom.

Matthew 28:18-19 states: “Go ye therefore teaching all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”. The Christian Educators Conference has been that beacon of light shining down a path of righteousness of becoming knowledgeable in the study of the Word of God and growing a stronger relationship with God. For 30 years, this Christian Education Department has worked tirelessly and unselfishly to assuring that we as Christians are given every opportunity to obtain courses to help them along this Christian journey.

So, to President Willie E. Jones and his staff, State Director Cecil J. Ashford and his staff and former State Director Jimmy W. Perrien, Jr., on behalf of the Women’s Auxiliary of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, I say Congratulations on this 30th Year Anniversary Celebration of the Christian Educators Conference. I pray that God will continue to forever shower down His abundant blessings upon each of you as you continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling. I pray that God will continue to use this Christian Education Department to show us how to study ourselves approved unto God, a workman needing not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. The road may get rough sometimes, but just continue to hold on to God’s unchanging Hand and He will continue to make a way somehow.

Again, we say Congratulations of a job well done. May the work that has been done speak for itself. We pray for God to Bless you and keep you wrapped safely in His arms.

Best Wishes,

Sis. Jacqueline McDougle
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
Women’s Auxiliary President
How It All Started…

“And they, whether they will hear, or whether the will forbear, (For they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. – Ezekiel 2:5

Those who meet the Rev. Jimmy Warren (J.W.) Perrien, Jr., find him hard to forget. He is an original. He is the youngest of six offsprings born to the union of the late Rev. Jimmy Warren Perrien, Sr. and the late Sis. Lenora Perrien.

In his late teens, he left Meridian to reside in Detroit, MI. He returned on Feb. 21, 1971. While living in the Motor City, Rev. Perrien met and married Alma Cox Perrien. They have been married over 50 years. They are the proud parents of 2 sons and 4 daughters.

December of 1960, he accepted his calling, preaching his initial sermon at the True Love Baptist Church in Detroit, where he was licensed. He has pastored the congregations of Sunny Mt. Giles of Scooba, MS, Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Enterprise, MS and Greater Calvary Baptist Church of Meridian, MS. After 30 faithful years of pastorage at Greater Calvary Missionary Baptist, Rev. Perrien retired. He has pastored over 45 years and has been preaching about 65 years.

He will always be remembered at Greater Calvary for his saying “By Grace through Faith, we are still here.” He also penned the church’s motto: “You can’t get to Heaven until you stop by Calvary”.

Rev. Perrien has a great love for God, his family, people and Christian Education. He was a visionary who realized the need for Baptist people to acquire a working knowledge about church ministry. He spear headed Christian Education in the East Mississippi State Convention. He continues to encourage all persons, both clergy and laity to enroll in the Certificate of Progress Program (C.O.P.P.).

In 1940, Rev. Perrien enrolled as a member of the Second New Hope District Baptist Association and in 1959, he enrolled in the National Baptist Convention.

Not one to remain idle, he now serves as Associate Pastor at New Grace Baptist Church in Meridian, MS. Among his hobbies are reading, fishing, gardening and meeting people.

A charge to keep I have
A God to Glorify.
Who gave His Son my soul to save
And fit it for the sky.
History of the East Mississippi State Convention Conference of Christian Educators

The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Conference of Christian Educators has been and still is a vital part of our State Convention by being a shining light of instilling Christian knowledge in our Christian Educators and others.

The Conference of Christian Educators was born into existence 30 years ago under Rev. Jimmy W. Perrien, Jr., who was serving at the State Director. The first annual Conference of Christian Educators was held at Greater Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Meridian, MS where Rev. Jimmy W. Perrien, Jr. was serving as Pastor. The guest speaker for that conference was Rev. Dr. Amos Jones, who was the Executive Director of the Christian Education Department of the Sunday School Publishing Board. A report of the first conference appeared in the Informer.

Rev. David L. Simmons was named State Director after Rev. Jimmy W. Perrien, Jr. Rev. Simmons continued the Conference of Christian Educators, which followed the format of the December Conference of Christian Education. Following the death of Rev. David L. Simmons, Mrs. Dorothy B. Elliott was elected as State Director.

The installation service was held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Meridian. Special guest at the installation service were Dr. Leo Cyrus, Regional Director and Dr. E.L. Thomas, Executive Director of the Sunday School Publishing Board. Mrs. Dorothy Elliott continued to serve as State Director.

The Conference of Christian Educators is a valuable and vital part of the work of Christ.
Biography of Patricia Williams

Patricia is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She is the daughter of Rev. Henry and Gracie Williams. She attended the Birmingham Public Schools.

She continued her education and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. During her senior year at Clark College, Patricia was a summer student at University of Nairobi in East Africa, where she received a certificate in African Studies. Later, she attended the Birmingham Baptist Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama and received a Certificate of Biblical Studies. She completed the Master of Christian Education Degree from the Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio and the Master of Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She has done post graduate study at Vanderbilt University Peabody School of Education.

Professionally, Patricia has served as: Tennessee State Convention Dean of Christian Education; Stones River District Dean of Christian Education; Christian Education Instructor at Birmingham Baptist Bible College; Director of Christian Education at five National Baptist churches; Children’s Writer, Editor, and Vacation Bible School Coordinator for the National Baptist Convention’s Sunday School Publishing Board.

Currently, she is the Supervisor of the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials at the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. She also serves as the Supervisor of the Deans and Presidents’ Seminar of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Ms. Williams was recently appointed as the State Director of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Convention.

Patricia is a member of Westwood Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. She is actively involved in Christian Education Ministry, Missions & Outreach Ministry, Scholarship Ministry and the Women’s Ministry.

She is the proud aunt of Tiffany, Daniel and David Williams.
Reflections of the Conference of Christian Educators
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PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

January 12, 2016

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, it is an honor and my pleasure to congratulate you on the 30th Anniversary of the Christian Educators Conference. This is sure to be a wonderful event filled with faith, fellowship and much more.

As you celebrate, I urge you to reflect on the educators that are called by God to the ministry. I pray for the Christian Educators and for the years to come dedicated to touching individuals’ lives. Mississippi is proud of you for making a difference in this Great State.

Again, thank you for your faithfulness. Have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

Phil Bryant
GOVERNOR
February 1, 2016

Reverend Willie E. Jones, President
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
P. O. Box 224
Meridian MS 39302

Dear Reverend Jones,

It is with joy and gratitude that I send these words of congratulations to you and the Christian Educators of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention as you host the 30th Year Anniversary of your Christian Educators Conference. Christian Education is an integral and indispensable part of the work of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. as it is the auxiliary that equips our members with the knowledge and skills to make disciples. I applaud your efforts and thank God for your many years of dedication and diligence as you have worked tirelessly to provide training for your constituents, equipping them with “skills and training in biblical interpretation, Reformed theology, human development, religious education theory and practice, and the polity, programs and mission of the church.”

My prayer is that your evening of celebration will be a time to remember the memorable moments of the past 30 years, reflect on your past accomplishments and rejoice over the many blessings God has bestowed upon the Christian educators of Meridian, especially for the disciples that were made as you answered the call to go and teach all nations. I further exhort you to spend time to look toward the future as you work to become even more effective and efficient in your endeavor to do ministry and missions to the glory of God and for the good of His people.

I am excited and full of expectations that you will leave your celebration exhilarated and expectant of an exceptional future in Christian Education!

Yours in the ministry and mission of Christ,

Jerry Young,

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“ENVISIONING THE FUTURE EXCEPTIONALLY”

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PROCLAMATION
30th Christian Educators Conference
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention

WHEREAS, The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, comprised of churches in the East Mississippi Region and the West Alabama Region, is convening its 30th Annual Christian Educators Conference; and

WHEREAS, Christian Educators are persons called by God with skills and training in biblical interpretation, reformed theology, human development, religious education theory and practice; and

WHEREAS, The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention is a part of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention is charged to boldly uphold the Sacred Scriptures where Jesus said, ‘Go ye therefore and “teach” all nations; and

WHEREAS, The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention has served as a guiding force that has challenged us to raise our standards according to God’s standards and His purpose, and continues to take us further into the 21st Century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Percy Bland, III, Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim 12th of February in the year 2016 as

East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
Christian Educators Day
in Meridian, Mississippi and encourage the members and affiliates of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention to join in acknowledgment and celebration.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

MAYOR Percy L. Bland, III
Date: February 10, 2016
# Resume of Jesus Christ

**Name:** JESUS CHRIST  
**Address:** Ephesians 1:20  
**Phone:** Romans 10:13  
**Website:** Bible  
**Keywords:** Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

My name is Jesus - The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my CV because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart. Feel free to read my details below.

## Qualifications
- I founded the earth and established the heavens. (See Proverbs 3:19)  
- I formed man from the dust of the ground. (See Genesis 2:7)  
- I breathed into man the breath of life. (See Genesis 2:7)  
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law. (See Galatians 3:13)  
- The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me. (See Galatians 3:14)

## Occupational Background
- I've only had one employer. (See Luke 2:49).  
- I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.  
- My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me. (See Matthew 3:15-17)

## Skills and Work Experiences
- Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised. (See Luke 4:18)  
- I am a Wonderful Counselor. (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil. (See Proverbs 1:33)  
- Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins. (See I John 1:7-9)

## Educational Background
- I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding. (See Proverbs 2:6). In me are hidden all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (See Colossians 2:3). My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path. (See Psalms 119:105).  
- I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart. (See Psalms 44:21).

## Major Accomplishments
- I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times. (See Genesis 1:26). I laid down my life so that you may live. (See II Corinthians 5:15).  
- I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly. (See Colossians 2:15). I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead! There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: www.dot - the Bible. You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access it.

## References
Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

## Summary
Now that you've read My CV, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart.

In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life. (See John 6:47).

When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).
On behalf of East Mississippi Baptist State Convention President, Rev. Willie E. Jones, Official Staff and the entire East Mississippi family, we congratulate our State Director of Christian Education, Rev. Cecil J. Ashford, the founder of the Christian Educators Conference, Rev. Jimmy W. Perrien, Jr., on 30 Years of Dedicated Ministry to educating God’s children to becoming more knowledgeable and more equipped to learning and understanding the Word of God. Our prayer is for God to continue to bless our Convention and our Christian Education Department with many more years of serving Him and shining the light on the path of Righteousness.

The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention

Rev. Willie E. Jones, President
Rev. Hollie Benson, Vice President At-Large
Rev. Marvin D. Chapman, First Vice President
Rev. Marvin L. Dixon, Second Vice President
Rev. William Flowers, Third Vice President/Youth Liaison
Rev. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, General Secretary
Rev. Melvin Jenkins, Treasurer
Congratulations on 30 Years of Christian Education

The East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education

Rev. A. D. Lewis, Congress President

Rev. Willie E. Jones ................................................................. Convention President
Dr. Larry Weathers ................................................................. 1st Vice President
Rev. Anthony Robinson ......................................................... 2nd Vice President
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Mrs. Vernetta Barton ............................................................. Dean of Christian Education
Mrs. Nickie Irby ............................................................. Assistant Dean of Christian Education
Mrs. Amy Grady ............................................................. Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Betty Davis ........................................................ Asst. Corresponding Secretary
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Rev. George Smith ........................................................ Asst. Director General
Rev. James Granger ........................................................ Chairman of Finance
Rev. Walter Patrick ........................................................ Minister of Music
Ms. Brenda Donaldson ......................................................... Historian
Mrs. Lorene Portis ........................................................ Children’s Director
Rev. Rochelle Wright ........................................................ Youth Director
Rev. Rodney Young ........................................................ Finance Secretary
Sis. Consuella Naylor ......................................................... Asst. Finance Secretary
Sis. Shirley Granger ........................................................ Asst. Finance Secretary
Congratulations!!!

East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.
Christian Education Department

Rev. Willie E. Jones, Convention President
Rev. Cecil J. Ashford, State Director of Christian Education

for

30 Years of Service

Serving with “A Heart of Faith”

from

East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.
Woman’s Auxiliary

Sis. Jacqueline McDougle – President
Sis. Dorothy Fluker – Vice President at Large
Sis. Gloria Stinner – 1st Vice President
Sis. Robbye Crosby – 2nd Vice President
Sis. Vivian Naylor – 3rd Vice President & Youth Director
Sis. Bettye Earby – Assistant Youth Director
Sis. Iris Roberts – Secretary
Sis. Louise Mangrum – Assistant Secretary
Sis. Martha Ross – Corresponding Secretary
Sis. Mary Hopkins – Christian Education Director
Sis. Bettye Loper – Director
Sis. Johnnie Loper – Praise Worship Leader
Sis. Nellie Morgan – Music Director

And this is my prayer: “that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—unto the Glory of God”. (Philippians 1:9-11)
Celebrating 30 Years of Christian Education

God Bless

Congratulations to the Christian Educators Conference of the East Mississippi State Convention for carrying the torch of light for educating Christians to study more of God’s Word

Ministers’ Wives & Widows Auxiliary
Of the
East MS Baptist State Convention Woman’s Auxiliary

Sis. Marion Croft - President
Sis. Ann Jones - 1st Vice President
Sis. Flora Wilson - 2nd Vice President
Sis. Christina Goodwin - Secretary
Sis. Consuelia Naylor - Treasurer
President Charles Dodd and Family

President Dodd would like to take this opportunity to thank President Willie Jones and East MS Baptist State Convention for your support of the Laymen Movement. And to my wonderful staff for all you do to help keep this movement moving in the way God would have it to go. To all districts, churches, pastors, my pastor and church family this movement would be nothing without contributions and support from you, thanks. The East MS Baptist Laymen is striving to make a difference by promoting leadership, fellowship, worship, and discipleship. We’re asking all men to come and be a part of this laymen movement and to become men that God can use. If you need the East MS Laymen please contact us:

President Dodd cell: 601-562-1141
Home: 601-267-7956, address:
P.O. Box 284
Carthage, MS 39051
“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” – Romans 8:31

CONGRATULATIONS to ............

The Christian Education Department
Rev. Cecil J. Ashford, State Director

on the

Thirtieth Anniversary of the Christian Educator’s Conference

East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
Young People’s Department
of the

Woman’s Auxiliary
Sister Jacqueline McDougle, President

Sister Bettye Barnwell Hearns, Youth Director Emeritus
Sister Vivian Dixon Naylor, Youth Director
Sister Bettye Earby, Assistant Youth Director
Sister Cassandra Hardaway, Christian Education Facilitator
Sister Brenda Donaldson, Financial Secretary
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Charia Baylor, Senior Red Circle President
Kailynn Gilmore, Intermediate Red Circle President
Faith Hardaway, Junior Red Circle President
Jaylon Hundley, Young Men in Mission President
Ieshia Ott, Sunbeams President
Bryaeson Collins, Sun Rays President

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” - Deuteronomy 6: 5-7
New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
Old Hwy 45 Loop Road
Waynesboro (Hiwannee), MS
Rev. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, Sr., Pastor

Congratulations to the Conference of Christian Educators of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention for 30 years of shining the light of Christ and paving the way to help Christians learn more of the Word of God.

Rev. Ecclesiastes & Lady Christina Goodwin
& Family

“Lifting the Savior, Leading the Saints, Liberating the Sinners”
~John 12:32~

Like us on Facebook: New Pilgrim MB Church
Congratulations on
30 Years of Christian Education

Grow in Christ

Congratulations to the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Conference of Christian Educators for serving as a beacon of light to East Mississippi residents for 30 years. We salute the State Director, Rev. Dr. Cecil Ashford and his staff. We especially salute Mrs. Lucille Patrick of Union Grove M.B. Church as Teacher of the Year and Mt. Carmel M.B. Church and Pastor Neal Keeton as Church of the Year. Continue exhorting Christian Education. Proverbs 18:16 says “A man’s gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.”

Scott County M.B. Association & Auxiliaries
Rev. Charles E. Bell, Moderator
Rev. George Macon, Congress President
Mrs. Jacqueline McDougle, Women’s President
Saluting 30 Years

We salute you on a job well done for commemorating 30 years of ministry to Christian Educators and other fellow Christians. We pray that God will continue to bless this conference with many more years to come.

Second Enterprise District Baptist Association of Waynesboro, MS

Rev. Cecil Jackson, Moderator
Rev. Darron Chapman, Vice Moderator/Vice President
Rev. Donald Miller, President
Sis. Saundra Steele, Dean
Sis. Mary Davis, Assistant Dean
Sis. Mattie West, Secretary
Sis. Arbuties Taylor, Assistant Secretary
Bro. Jimmie Carter, Director General
Celebrating 30 Years of Christian Education

Second New Hope District Baptist Association Congratulates East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Christian Education Department on 30 years of making disciples through Christian Training and Teaching.

Moderator………………………………………………………………………………Rev. James Granger
1st Vice Moderator………………………………………………………………………Rev. Darious Edmondson
2nd Vice Moderator……………………………………………………………………….Dr. Samuel Thompson
Dean…………………………………………………………………………………………Sis. Deborah Ewing
Women’s Auxiliary President…………………………………………………………….Sis. Barbara Perry
Christian Education Director……………………………………………………….Rev. Melvin Hendricks
Compliments & Best Wishes to
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.
Christian Education Department

Motto: “Exalting the Savior, Equipping the Saints and Evangelizing the Sinner.”

Reverend Samuel C. Newton, Pastor

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Sunday School – 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning Praise and Worship – 11:00 A.M.
Mid-Week Service & Children’s Church – Wednesdays – 7:00 P.M.

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A Traveler’s Guide to Heaven

Accommodations: Arrangements for accommodations must be made in advance (John 14:2).

Passports: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling authority (Revelation 21:27).

Departure Time: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave on short notice (1 Corinthians 15:52).

Tickets: Your ticket was purchased by a Friend named Jesus. It should be claimed by learning the gospel, believing in Christ, repenting of sins, confessing Jesus, and having sins washed away in baptism (Romans 10:17; Acts 2:38; Matthew 10:32; Acts 22:16). Keep its promises firmly in hand (John 5:24; Hebrew 5:8-9).

Luggage: No luggage whatsoever is needed or allowed (1 Timothy 6:7).

Immigration: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. There is no maximum quota, so all are invited to come (Hebrews 11:16; Revelation 22:17).

Air Passage: Travelers going directly by air (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Vaccinations: Not needed, as there are no diseases there (Revelation 21:4).

Currency: Deposits may be forwarded to await passenger’s arrival. Make deposits as large as possible (Matthew 6:20-21).

Clothing: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler (Isaiah 61:10).

Reservations: Booking is now open. Since departure time unknown you should apply at once. If you wait, it may be too late (2 Corinthians 6:2).

To learn more, please consult the Holy Bible.
“Praise Ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.” — Psalms 106:1

God bless

Congratulations to the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. Christian Education Department for you 30 years of great services.

From the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
2056 – Hwy 481 North
Morton, MS 39117
Rev. Neal Keeton, Sr., Pastor
(601) 732-2411 – Phone & Fax

“Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve”
Let us all join hearts together in the spirit of Jesus Christ
Making a circle of faith and prayer
Embracing the Christ-like way
Let us give praise to the Father
For the gift of His only Son
And promise to work together
That His work on Earth shall be done.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!!!
Bessie D. Kennedy

Congratulations!!!
30 Years Educators Conference
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.
Christian Education Department
Rev. Willie E. Jones, Convention President
Rev. Cecil J. Ashford, State Director of Christian Education
Scott County District Baptist Association
Woman’s Auxiliary
“Sowing Seed of Mission”

We would like to also Congratulate
Sis. Lucille Patrick as Teacher of the Year

Mt. Carmel M.B. Church as Church of the Year!

Sis. Jacqueline McDougle, President
Sis. Sheila Brown, 1st Vice President
Sis. Dorothy Manning, 2nd Vice President

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” – (10a) But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. – 1 Corinthians 2:9-10a

Sister Lucille Patrick
and
Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
Morton, MS

May God Continue Blessing You
Pleasant Hill M.B. Church
Morton, MS
Rev. Marcus McDougle, Interim Pastor
Congratulations on 30 Years of Service

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”. – 2 Timothy 1:7

Pastor Cecil J. Ashford

&

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Best Wishes,
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On behalf of the Pastor, Rev. A.D. Lewis, Officers and Members of Mount Olive M.B. Church, we would like to congratulate the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Christian Educators Conference on 30 Years of Christian Education. May God continue to bless with many, many more.

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We’re Blessed

We’re blessed because of the Lord’s saving grace
We’re blessed because of God’s Mercy
We’re blessed because of the Lord’s Love
We’re blessed because of the Lord’s Truth
We’re blessed because of the Lord’s Power
We’re blessed because of the Holy Spirit
We’re blessed because of the Victory that Jesus won on the Cross
We’re blessed because our Witness is in Heaven.

I am Too Blessed to be Stressed!!!

Motto: “I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me”. – Philippians 4:13

Best Wishes,

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Thank you for being a vessel used by Christ to educate our Father’s children for 30 years!!!

Congratulations on spreading the Word of God for 30 years!!!

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Directions to Heaven

First of all, **WHOSOEVER** will must take a V-turn at the “**Road of Repentance**”. Then, make a Right onto “**Believeth Boulevard**”. Keep straight and go through the **Green Light**, which is **Jesus Christ**. From there, you must turn onto the “**Bridge of Faith**”, which is over troubled water. When you get off the bridge, make a Right and keep straight. You are on the “**King’s Highway**” – **Heaven Bound**. Keep going for three miles: One for the **Father**, One for the **Son** and One for the **Holy Ghost**. Then, exit off onto “**Grace Boulevard**”. From there make a right turn on “**Gospel Lane**”. Keep straight and then make another right on “**Prayer Boulevard**”. As you go on your way, yield not to the traffic on “**Temptation Avenue**”. Also, avoid “**Sin Street**” because it is a **DEAD END**. Pass up “**Envy Drive**”, and “**Hate Avenue**”. Also, pass “**Hypocrisy Street**”, “**Gossiping Lane**” and “**Backbiting Boulevard**”. But, you have to go down “**Long-suffering Persecution Boulevard**” and “**Trials and Tribulations Avenue**”. From there, make another Right onto “**Peace Street**”. Keep straight and you will come to the parking lot of “**Immortality**”. It’s alright to park there. Get out of the body and junk it. Go into the building not made by hands. Sit down and talk to **KING JESUS**. Tell Him all about your troubles and dwell in **HIS HOUSE FOREVER**!
Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store".

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.
I saw a host of ANGELS.
They were standing everywhere.

One hand me a basket and said,
"My Child shop with care".

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row.
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST, for it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.

By then, my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some GRACE.
I didn’t forget SALVATION, for SALVATION was free.
So I tried to get enough of that to save both You and Me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do the MASTER'S WILL.
As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into SIN.

PEACE AND JOY were plenty, they were last on the shelf.
SONG and PRAISE were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel, "Now, how much do I really owe?"
He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I smiled and said, "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said,
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."
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and
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Christian Educators Conference
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Reverend Melvin Jenkins, Moderator
I salute you, East MS Baptist State Convention
Christian Education Conference

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

To God be the Glory, for the great things He has done…

Reverend Randall Bohannon,
First New Hope District Association
Congress of Christian Education President
Pastor of East Mt. Moriah, M.B.C.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord. – Psalm 8:37-39
One thing have I desired of the Lord, That will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 27:4
First New Hope District Congress
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Reverend Charles Goss, Pastor

First New Hope District Association Ministers and Deacons Institute President

John 3:16
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
Minister Cora Lee Cole
(Little Hope Missionary Baptist Church)
First New Hope District Association Dean of Christian Education

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105(NKJV)
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Christian Education Department
30th Year Christian Educator’s Conference

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY FOR:
Sunday School...............10:00 A. M.
Worship Service..............11:15 A. M.
1st and 3rd Wednesday nights for Mid-week Services 6:30 PM

Church Mission Statement:
Exalt the Savior, Edify the Saints, Evangelize Sinners, and Raise the Moral Standards of our Society.
First New Hope District Association

First Vice Moderator – Bishop William C Brown
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Psalm 124:1, 8

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Congratulations! Ms. Lucille Patrick as Educator of the Year

Proverbs 31:24
Strength and honour are her clothing: and she shall rejoice in time to come.

President Willie E., Sis. Jimmie A. Jones, and the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church,
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Congratulations on 30 Years of Teaching God’s Word

“Teach me good judgement and knowledge: for I have believed by commandments.”

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Congratulations to the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Christian Educators Conference on 30 Years of Ministry and carrying the torch of Christian Education. May God continue to richly bless this ministry.

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Congratulations on 30 Years of service to the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Christian Education Department. May God continue to bless with many more.

Lone Pilgrim District Congress of Christian Education
Rev. Larry Weathers, President
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May God continue to Bless East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. Christian Education Department

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Rev. A.G. McSwain, Jr., Pastor
Congratulations to EMBSC Educator’s Conference for 30 years of continuous service on God’s program and Rev. Cecil Ashford, current State Director for continuing to promote Christian Education. We salute Teacher of the Year, Scott County, Mrs. Lucille Patrick (Union Grove M.B.C.). Sis. Lucille is an anointed teacher and is truly a Proverbs 31:10-31 woman.

Congratulations to Church of the Year, Mt. Carmel M.B.C. under the leadership of Rev. Neal D. Keeton, Sr. The bible states that if we want friends, we must first show ourselves friendly. We appreciate members and pastor of Mt. Carmel M.B.C.

To God be the Glory,
Deacon Thomas Smith
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Congratulations East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc., President Willie E. Jones and State Director Cecil J. Ashford

Best Wishes,
Sis. Pauline Bryant
&
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“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.”
St. Peter would like to congratulate Sr. Lucille Patrick and Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church for being selected as "District Instructor of the Year" and "District Church of the Year" for the Scott County District.

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.”

– 2 Timothy 2:15

Rev. George Macon, Pastor

Congratulations!!!

We commend you Rev. Ashford, your staff and each worker for carrying the Torch of Christian Education!!! God’s Blessings, Peace and Love to East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. Christian Education Department

Best Wishes,
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– Phillipians 3:14
Best Wishes to the Christian Educators Conference of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention

Congratulations to the Conference of Christian Educators on 30 Years of Excellence and Wisdom that has been bestowed upon God’s children for higher learning in the Word of God. May God continue to Bless with many more to come.

First Enterprise District Congress of Christian Education

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Julius Scarbrough .................................................. Congress Secretary
Lora Chapman ........................................................ Registrar
On behalf of our pastor, Rev. Richard Davis, officers and entire congregation of Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, we salute the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Christian Educators Conference and say Congratulations on the 30th Anniversary Celebration of Christian Education. We pray that God will continue to Bless this conference with many more to come.

Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
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Rev. Dr. Richard Davis, Pastor
Third New Hope District Association

Making Disciples for Christ
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Spirit
~Matthew 28:19 (NASB)~

Reverend Nathaniel Robinson—Moderator
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Reverend Gregory Walker—Congress Vice President
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Congratulations to

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And

Founder of the Christian Educators Conference and former pastor of Greater Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

“Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that deligheth greatly in His commandments.” – Psalm 112:1

Best Wishes,
Sis. Vickie Thomas & Sis. Ethel Radcliff

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Congratulations to

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And

East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
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From,
Deacon Joe & Sis. Ruby Brown

“And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.” – Hebrews 2:13
Congratulations on the 30th Year Anniversary
Of the
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Sweet Hope Missionary Baptist Church
1301 – Turner Street
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“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. – 1 Corinthians 15:58

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; accepting the hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is; not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Amen

“Thank You!!!

Your uniqueness has become an ocean of wisdom!!!

From,

Pam, Bentley, Malilysia, Jr. Deacon Henry Scott & Mama Eliza Hubbard
Congratulations on the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
Christian Educators Conference

We salute the Christian Education Department on 30 Years of Excellence in educating our Brothers and Sisters in Christ to become more knowledgeable in the Word of God. May God continue to bless each of you.

First Enterprise District Baptist Association
Rev. Advail McKenzie, Moderator
Establishment of Two Christian Education Leadership Awards

The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Incorporated Department of Christian Education under the leadership of our State Director, the Reverend Cecil J. Ashford, is establishing two new awards that will be bestowed annually. These awards, which will be presented at the Annual Christian Educator’s Conference held in February of each year, will recognize and honor the contributions of one man and one woman in their outstanding contributions as a leader in the work of Christian Education within: their local church; their local district association; our state convention; as well as our national convention.

Careful consideration was given in the establishment of these awards. The award is intended to not only recognize present contributors to Christian Education, but we also want to remember those who helped to pave the way to where we are today as a state convention in the work of Christian Education. In honor of two of the greatest pioneers in the work of Christian Education in East Mississippi, the awards will be named as follows:

For the Men:

**The Reverend Dr. David L. Simmons**

*Men’s Christian Education Leadership Award*

(Past State Director of Christian Education, East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.)

For the Women:

**The Mrs. Ruby Scott Yarbrough**

*Women’s Christian Education Leadership Award*

(Past State Dean of East Mississippi Baptist Congress of Christian Education)

After the Inaugural Awards for 2016, we will receive letters of recommendation to consider future recipients of these awards. It is our intention to give honor where honor is due and this will help us to avoid overlooking someone who may be deserving of this recognition. We encourage all of our leaders in our great work of serving as Christian Educators and maybe one day you may find that you will be bestowed this great recognition.

In His Service,

Reverend Cecil J. Ashford,
State Director of Christian Education
On behalf of President Willie E. Jones, the entire East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and the Christian Education Department we would like to say thank for all of your hard work and contributions you have shown and given to make this 30th Year Anniversary a success. Your dedication and diligence will not go unnoticed.

Special thanks to Rev. A.D. Lewis and the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church for your hospitality and for opening your doors to us. Special thanks to those persons that have been asked to serve in different capacities to assure this conference is a success. A very heartfelt thank you to Sis. Christina Goodwin for all of her hard work to put this booklet together. Most of all, all Praises, Glory and Honor go to God for without Him all of this would not have been possible.

May God continue to richly bless each of you and again, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Rev. Cecil J. Ashford,
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