

**East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
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 Report
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**Submitted to President Ecclesiastes Goodwin and the
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1004	Effective Bible Reading	64	50	43
6002	Church Administration from a Black Perspective	98	90	64
6013	Organizing the Church for Christian Education	78	59	49
6023	Teaching Strategies for Spiritual Formation Adults	90	62	48
7001	Building Healthy Churches	91	70	56
9914	Connecting the Local Church to the Community	101	74	65
SP0021	Conflict Management in Ministry	90	75	67
9024	The Computer in the Life of the Church	8	9	8
TOTAL ALL COURSES		620	489	400

We count reaching 489 students with Christian education and issuing 400 course cards for completion as success for the first Virtual EMBSC Educators Conference Long-term CLS school. □

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 Reverend Walter Patrick, Pastor
 Friday & Saturday, April 22-23, 2022**

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2060	Reaching and Keeping Those Under 40	22	19	15
3012	People of Color in the Bible	11	10	9
TOTAL “SPRING” COURSES		53	48	41

**EMBSC “FALL” EDUCATORS CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
 “VIRTUAL”
 September - December 2022**

Course#	Course Name	# Registered	# Attended	# Completed
2097	Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations	49	49	41
Sept. 5,8,12,15				
7008	Skills for Reaching the Un-churched People	45		
Oct. 4,6,11,13				
Stewardship Event	Rich Church Poor Church: Keys to Effective Financial Ministry	51		
Oct. 22				
6018	Organizing & Administering Church School/Sunday School	36		
Nov. 1,3,8,10				
2076	Current Audio-visual Resources	42		
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VIRTUAL TOTAL “FALL” COURSES		223	49	41

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