

# East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.

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“The Mission, Message and Mandate of Jesus Christ”

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Greetings in the matchless and marvelous name of Jesus Christ. I count it a great privilege to continue to serve you in this capacity and to serve with such an awesome team of Christian Educators. Plans have been established to ensure a safe, as well as a productive “Hybrid” Congress for the year of 2023.

As the teaching arm of East MS Baptist State Convention Inc., the East MS Baptist State Convention Congress of Christian Education has the responsibility to provide our members with powerful yet practical methods, strategies, and information that will equip us to be proficient in sharing the Good News of the Gospel especially during these challenging times.

Therefore, I want to invite, welcome, and anticipate your support, attendance, and participation as we host our 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Congress of Christian Education on **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – Thursday, June 8, 2023, in Laurel, MS.** The host church for our adult classes will be Friendship Missionary Baptist Church located at, 116 Custom Avenue Laurel, MS 39440, where Reverend Dr. Markiet Lewis serves as Pastor. Youth classes and activities will be held at Calvary Baptist Church located, 143 Central Avenue Laurel, MS 39440, where Reverend Dr. Vernon Graves serves as Pastor. All classes will be held in the afternoon from **5:00PM – 7:30PM** nightly.

For your convenience, hotel accommodations can be obtained at Holiday Inn Express and Suites located at 2008 Jefferson Street Laurel, MS 39440. The phone number is, 601-425-1804. Queen and King Standard rooms have been blocked for this congress session with a rate of \$139 per night. The Block Code to reserve your room with this rate is **EMB**. The **deadline** to make your reservations at this discounted rate is **May 23, 2023**.

### Our Congress Schedule will proceed as follows:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ➤ Tuesday, June 6, 2023   | 4:30PM Registration                |
| ➤ Tuesday, June 6, 2023   | 5:00PM – 7:30PM Class Time         |
| ➤ Tuesday, June 6, 2023   | 7:30PM Musical Explosion & Lecture |
| ➤ Wednesday, June 7, 2023 | 4:30PM Registration                |
| ➤ Wednesday, June 7, 2023 | 5:00PM – 7:30PM Class Time         |
| ➤ Wednesday, June 7, 2023 | 7:30PM Congress Dean Hour          |
| ➤ Thursday, June 8, 2023  | 4:30PM Registration                |
| ➤ Thursday, June 8, 2023  | 5:00PM – 7:30PM Class Time         |
| ➤ Thursday, June 8, 2023  | 7:30PM Congress Director Hour      |

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## The following classes are being offered:

- 1004** Apps in Christian Education: Effective Bible Reading
- 1112** Is the End Near: Survey of Revelations (**Hybrid**)
- 2011** Do You Know Your Identity? Baptist Doctrine
- 2012** Where is Your Faith? Articles of Faith
- 2078** Puppetry Ministry
- 2086** The Church Speaks to Substance Abuse (**Hybrid**)
- 2097** Rethinking Christian Education (**Online Only**)
- 8012** Ministering to Hurting Children (**Hybrid**)
- 8050** Singles Fulfilling God's Purpose: A New Look at Singles and Single Parent Ministry (**Hybrid**)
- 9910** The Church and Clergy Conflict H.O.P.E. Integrating Health, Usher, and Hospitality Ministries – at Calvary Baptist Church

Please note that some classes are available via Zoom and the registration link will be provided to delegates upon completion of registration. I am asking that every church and district to please register. Churches are asked to register with \$300.00 and Districts with \$500.00. Individual registration is \$50.00 per person. For your convenience, you may register using Givelify, on site during the Session, or you may pre-register. Please mail all pre-registrations to: East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Congress of Christian Education – P.O. Box 224 Meridian, MS 39302.

Please note that your registration may include any specified love offerings to the President, Director, or Dean. (Specify the amount to be given to either the President, Director, Dean, or department).

This year we are excited to have youth activities planned with the central theme: **D.R.U.G.S.** which stands for DO RUN UNTIL GOD SPEAKS. Please encourage our youth to be in attendance for this amazing session.

Registration packets will be available for pickup in the registration office. It is imperative that each student registration form be completed accurately so that we can make plans for your arrival. For any questions or concerns please contact Dr. Locard Wilson 601-507-1678.

Let us continue to pray and trust God for a blessed and successful session. Thanking you in advance for your assistance, cooperation, prayers, and support.

Servant of Heaven,

Reverend Carlos Wilson  
Director, East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education