



East Mississippi Baptist State Convention
Rev. Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, Sr., President
Dean Nickie Irby, Congress of Christian Education, Director Pastor Carlos Wilson

East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education Director Report
February 10, 2024
Submitted to President Ecclesiastes Goodwin and the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention

Greetings to East Mississippi Baptist State Convention. Following is my report for East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education 2023.

2023 Congress Report

The 93rd Annual Session of the East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education was held June 6th – 8th at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church located at, 116 Custom Avenue, Laurel, MS. The host pastor was Rev. Markiet Lewis. The host church for youth and children's activities was Calvary Baptist Church, 143 Central Avenue, Laurel, MS. The host pastor was Rev. Vernon Graves. The theme of the Congress was "Making the World a Better Place: Engaging in the Work of Evangelism and Social Justice at church and in the community", Matthew 28:19; Matthew 5:16. The Congress had 169 participants/students and issued 163 course cards.

Day 1:

Opening Session:

This was the second hybrid congress. A musical explosion guided the audience into an evening of praise in the Presence of God. Music and voices joined in unison to honor and praise the name of Jesus. Director Carlos Wilson conducted the official opening with greetings by Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, Sr., Host District Dr. Author Logan, First Enterprise, and Host District Pastor Markiet Lewis.

The audience was educated by Lecture Pastor Scotty Cole, Firehouse Church Fifth Street M. B. Church representative. The opening session adjourned leaving attendees with an appetite for more of what would come during the 93rd session of the Congress.

Day 2:

Congress Classes:

The Congress Board of Officers strategically coordinated courses to offer classes in a hybrid format. Live attendees and zoom participants selected from hybrid, face to face, and totally online courses. All challenges were addressed in a timely manner.

Registration Bags:

Bags were prepared. The bags contained many goodies that would prove to be very useful over the course of the congress.

Dean's Address:

Congress Dean, Sis Nicki Irby stimulated listeners with a review of her Stewardship. The Dean shared that she had attended the Mid-Winter board meeting held at Pineville Missionary Baptist Church in Waynesboro, MS, the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention held at the Scott County District Building in Morton, MS, and she participated in the master teachers course at the National Baptist Congress held at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, MS.

The Dean's message was based on two scriptures: Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 28:19 with a discussion on "Where is your light?"

In Memorial:

Dean Irby challenged the participants. She shared, "The Lord has blessed us to be here today. He gave us another chance, so let's do something that will bring glory to God's name and add to our loved ones legacy. Let us do something in our community that we never did before that will show the Jesus in us to others".

Day 3:

Director's Address:

Congress Director, Pastor Carlos Wilson, stirred the final day of the Congress with an address that motivated the audience from Psalms 122:1 with a subject "It's time to go back!" Pastor Wilson shared with the congregation, "While churches and their ministries remain downsized, the devil and his demons have been upsized. Robbing's and killings are upsized. Violence and vandalism are upsized. Blatant disrespect for the elderly and adults is upsized. Economic

disparity has been upsized. Fear amongst Christians to walk their own blocks and streets are upsized. Immorality has increased. While the world and her activities are increasing, the church and her activities seems to be decreasing.”

Closing Session:

Director Carlos Wilson closed the 93rd Session of the Congress by thanking delegates, speakers and guest for their participation in the Congress. Official closing of the 93rd Annual Session was by Director Carlos Wilson on Thursday June 8, 2023.

Participation:

There were five (5) District Association and thirty-four (34) churches registered and seven (7) individuals registered for the 2023 session of the East Mississippi Baptist State Congress of Christian Education.

2023

Financial Recap

East Mississippi Baptist Congress of Christian Education

Rev. Carlos Wilson, Director
Sis. Nicki Irby, Dean

Five (5) Districts Registered

Thirty-Four (34) Churches Registered

Seven (7) Individuals Registered

Total Registration Income	\$13,400.00
Offerings	505.41
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*Budget report prepared by Pastor William Griffin.

Final report prepared and submitted by Locord D. Wilson, Ph.D. for East Mississippi Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

June 2023 Class List

Course Name and Number	Location	Instructor
1112- Is the End Near:Survey of Revelations	Hybrid:online and in person	Pastor Cora Cole
1004- Apps in Christian Education:Effective Bible Reading		Pastor Curtis Laster
2012-Where is Your Faith?:Articles of Faith		Pastor Willie Harrison
8012- Ministering to Hurting Children	Hybrid:online and in person	Sister Anetia Norsworthy
2086-The Church Speaks to Substance Abuse	Hybrid:online and in person	Sister Betty Loper
2011-Do you know your Identity?:Baptist Doctrine		Pastor Gary Moore
8050-Singles Fulfilling God's Purpose:A New Look at Singles and Single Parent Ministry	Hybrid:online and in person	Sister Ruth Love
9910-The Church and Clergy Conflict		Dr. Cecil Ashford
2097-Rethinking Christian Education	Online only	Dr. Martha Gist
2078-Puppetry Ministry Adults and youth ages 12 and up may choose to participate in this class.	@ Mt. Calvary	Sister Gwendolyn Battle
All youth classes: D.R.U.G.S. Do Run Until God Speaks	@Mt. Calvary	Pastor William Flowers Sister Laster

Sis. Nickie Irby, Dean
Pastor Carlos Wilson, Director, EMBSC

**East Mississippi State Congress of Christian Education
June 4-6, 2024 Tentative Class and Instructors**

9914 Connecting the Local Church to the Community	Dr. Robert Fox
4001 Christian Beliefs (Course added to Phase 2)	Minister Gloria Willis
2093 The Christians View Toward the Poor, Hungry, and Disadvantaged	Revv. Cecil Ashford
9022 Implementing Effective Choral Conducting and Rehearsal Techniques	Pastor Walter Patrick Sis. Urshula Monique Patrick
2080 Developing a Mission Minded Church	Sis. Charlean Youngblood
8058 Developing a Christian Counseling Ministry	Sis. Aneita Norsworthy
9915 Essentials of Biblical Research using the World Wide Web and Biblical Software	Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, Sr.
9926 How to Teach the Bible	Pastor Anthony Robinson
7010 Introduction to Discipleship (Phase 3)	Sis. Lillie Stanfield
8064 The Challenge of Being a Christian in America "Spiritual Warfare"	Pastor Curtis Laster, Jr.
1114 Women in the New Testament	Sis. Bettie Loper
Young People Department 9502 Do You Feel Me Jesus?	Pastor Ralph James Dr. Kristy Laster Pastor William Flowers Sis. Angela Henderson Sis. Lorraine Portis