

125th Annual Session
Hammond Hill Sunday School and
Congress of Christian Education
Hernando, Mississippi
July 22-26, 2019
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New Bethany Baptist Church
2002 Byhalia Road
Hernando, Mississippi

Hammond Hill Congress 2019

July 22-26, 2019 6:30 p.m.
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The Hill-Hernando Baptist Church
1775 Memphis Street
Hernando, Mississippi

National Theme:

***"Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Send Disciples
for Christ"***

(Matthew 28:19, 20; Luke 24:46, 47; John 20:21)

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**Annual Congress of Christian Education
President's Letter**

July 2019

We greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We're thankful to see another annual session. We thank God for blessing us with a successful session last year. We look forward to another blessed session this year as we explore our national theme as we "Send Disciples for Christ" this week.



To help expand our work, your Hammond Hill Congress Team has worked to secure new partnerships and continue existing ones. We'll acknowledge each of our partners during our annual session and on our webpage. Once again, we'll be one Congress in two locations. I'm thankful for our New Bethany Family and the Hill-Hernando Family for so graciously hosting our session this year without charge.

Our "Dean Team" led by Dr. Michael O. Minor and Sister Mattie Wallace-Stokes have prepared a wonderful slate of courses, seminars, and workshops. Please take advantage of all the Congress has to offer including an opening lecture and annual addresses. On Wednesday evening, I will share about several special initiatives. Finally, on Friday evening, we'll conclude the week at New Bethany with our children, youth, and young adults rallying for Christ. We certainly want to support our children and youth with our presence.

In closing, we look forward to another Spirit-led week of learning, praise, and worship. Join us as we all work together in "Sending Disciples for Christ."

Yours for the cause of Christ,
Pastor Bernard Montgomery
Your Congress President

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**Annual Congress of Christian Education
Deans' Letter**



Greetings in the name of our risen Savior!

We welcome you to the 125th Annual Session of the Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education. President Bernard Montgomery and Your “Dean Team” look forward to a great week of learning, worship, and fellowship.

In keeping with our national theme: *“Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Send Disciples for Christ,”* our lecture and addresses will focus on different aspects of Jesus’ call to Christian evangelism. In support of this theme, we have designed a supportive schedule of courses, seminars, and workshops. To keep our curriculum relevant, we’re offering all new adult courses and re-designed our young adult, youth, and children’s workshops. Please refer to the course listing and descriptions for details. As a bonus, we have also integrated curriculum from several of our partners in our class session. Let’s not forget to support Friday evening’s Children’s, Youth, and Young Adult Rallies. They’ll be working hard all week preparing. We want them to share before a full house.

Finally, we ask each of you to share about your experience this week through social media using the hashtag **#HHC2019**. We want to promote our Congress across Northwest Mississippi. Feel free to contact us with any questions or requests for additional information at (901) 826-8355, (901) 497-5731, or info@faithmonet.org.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Dr. Michael O. Minor & Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes

Your Congress Deans

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Congress Officers

Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany), President

Pastor Darnell (Free Grace), Vice President

Ms. Patricia Hurt (Rising Sun), Secretary

Ms. Anise Jefferson (The Hill-Hernando), Assistant Secretary

Mr. H. H. Brown (New Hope-Walls), Immediate Past President

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Pastor Andrew Miller, Performing Arts/Youth & Young Adult Director

Pastor Glen Newson (Greater Lake Cormorant), Children's Coordinator

Ms. Lois Tipton-Curry (Halliburton), Youth & Young Adult Rally Coordinator
 Ms. Markisha Hudson
 (The Hill-Hernando), Liturgical Dance Coordinator

Dr. Michael O. Minor (The Hill-Hernando), Dean

Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes (Shiloh), Session Dean

Associate Dean: Pastor Dorothy Jones (New Faith Bible)

H.O.P.E. Health Coordinator: Ms. Minnie Wilkinson (The Hill-Hernando)

Classification Secretary: Ms. Annette Dunbar (Pleasant Hill)

Annual Awards and Recognition Opportunities

Attendance Awards. The top five participating churches are given awards for overall attendance, youth, and seniors.

Deacon Dan Robinson Leadership Award. One Christian educator from one of the member churches or supporting entities are recognized for outstanding service in the cause of Christian education. The award is named after the first president of the Sate Congress. **Sponsored by New Hope-Walls.**

Dean C J Thomas Christian Educator of the Year Award. This award is given to an exemplary Christian education instructor from one of the member churches or supporting entities. **Sponsored by Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention.**

Professor Clifton L. Moseley Outstanding Service Award. A Christian educator from one of the member churches or supporting entities is recognized for outstanding service in the cause of Christian education. **Sponsored by the Minor Family in memory of Juanita Minor Barnes.**

Annual Regional Collaborative Efforts

Regional Teachers' Workshop. We participate in an interactive teacher workshop focused on creative ways of teaching along with an overview of the new Vacation Bible School material. The next workshop will be Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9:30 am, at Ebenezer-Como

Annual Sunday School Workshop. We also participate in an interactive Sunday School Workshop focused on making Sunday School transformational. This year's workshop will be Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9:30 am, at Antioch-Walls.

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Annual State, Regional, & National Christian Education Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD

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Dr. Derrick Jackson, Executive Director
 Dr. Michael O. Minor; Southwest Region I - Regional Coordinator
SSPB Conference: December 2-4, 2019, Opryland-Nashville
Southwest Region I Conference; April 24-25, 2020, Meridian, MS

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (COCE)

www.nationalbaptist.com

Dr. James H. Cokley, President
 Dr. Elliott Cuff, Dean Ms. Monica Mickle-Blake, General Secretary
Annual Session: June 22-26, 2020, Kansas City, MO
 Auxiliaries to the **National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated**
 Dr. Jerry Young, President
 Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

MID-SOUTH CHURCHES COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE STATE COCE

(Formerly the *Original North Mississippi Baptist State CCE*)

www.midsouthchurches.com

Dr. Michael O. Minor, President
 Ms. Mattie Wallace-Stokes, State Dean
Annual Session:
March 16-20, 2020, The Hill-Hernando, 1775 Memphis Street; Hernando
 Educational Arm of the **Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention**
 Dr. Michael O. Minor, President
 Ms. Loretta Henderson-Miller, State Director of Christian Education

NMBEC NORTH MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STATE COCE

Pastor J. P. Myers, II, President
 Mr. David Brown, Dean
Annual Session: March 2-5, 2020, Brown-Swinnea Road Campus

Auxiliary to the **North Mississippi Baptist Educational (State) Convention, Incorporated**
 Dr. Sherman Helton, President
 Ms. Annie Tigue, State Director of Christian Education

Supporting Independent Organizations

Rising Sun Usher Federation/H.O.P.E. Health Ministry

Pastor Bernard Montgomery, President

Ms. Anise Jefferson Secretary

North Mississippi Baptist Ministry Association

Pastor Andrew Miller, President

Pastor Darnell Tate, Secretary

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Schedule-at-a-Glance

Monday, July 22, 2019

New Bethany/The Hill-Hernando

6:00 p.m. Registration/Church School Representation
 6:30 p.m. Devotional Period/Plenary Session
 Lecture Pastor Frederick Heard (Fredonia-West Helena) (Matthew 28:19-20)
 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Class Period 1

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

New Bethany/The Hill-Hernando

6:00 p.m. Registration/Church School Representation
 6:30 p.m. Devotional Period/Plenary Session
 Dean Minor's Eighteen Annual Address (Luke 24:46, 47)
 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. Class Period 2

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

New Bethany/The Hill-Hernando

6:30 p.m. Church School Representation
 Plenary Session/Business Period/Special Projects/Congress Rally
 7:15 – 9:20 p.m. Class Period 3

Thursday, July 25, 2019

New Bethany/The Hill-Hernando

6:30 p.m. Church School Representation
 Devotional Period/Plenary Session/Business Period
 President Montgomery's Twelfth Annual Address (John 20.21)
 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. Class Period 4

Friday, July 26, 2019

New Bethany

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Congress Board Meeting/
 Closing Business Period
 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. Children's/Youth & Young Adult Rallies

Youth Workshop Schedule-at-a-Glance

<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday	The Hill-Hernando	6:30 – 7:15	General Assembly
	New Bethany	7:30 – 9:00	Workshop Session
Tuesday	New Bethany	7:00 – 8:50	Workshop Session
Wednesday	New Bethany	7:00 – 8:50	Workshop Session
Thursday	New Bethany	7:00 – 8:50	Rehearsal for Children's and Youth & Young Adult Rallies
Friday	New Bethany	6:45 – 9:00	Children's, Youth & Young Adult Rallies

Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education Brief History

(From the files of the late Ms. Gemenie Bowdre)

The Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education was initially organized as the Hammond Hill Sunday School Convention, in 1893 or 1894, at the Hammond Hill M. B. Church in Como, Mississippi. Rev. P. M. Martin was selected as the first president and served for about five years. During his administration, he attended and became affiliated with the National Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress.

The Convention stated the following objectives in its constitution:

1. To supply destitute areas with missionaries;
2. To promote education among the people especially the Baptist Industrial High School; and
3. To establish Missionary Baptist Sunday Schools and give to same as it may deem best.

Adequate records are not available for the first forty years of the convention. However, we do know that succeeding presidents included Rev. R. W. Smith, Rev. J. C. Brownlee, and Rev. A. D. Williams.

The Hammond Hill Sunday School Convention functioned under the original constitution from 1893-1962. At the 1962 annual session, the convention name and function changed to the Hammond Hill Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress at St. Paul M. B. Church – Olive, Branch, Mississippi. Rev. W. H. Walker (Pleasant Hill) was president. Along with Rev. Walker, Rev. L. S. Biles, Rev. M. L. Scott, Rev. Jacob Davis, Rev. J. A. Woods, Rev. J. D. Baptist, Bro. Dan Robinson, Sis. Alice Taylor, Sis. Julia Bowdre, and Sis. Ethel Dabney served on the constitution revision committee. As dean, Rev. L. S. Biles (Carroll Bluff) advanced the training phase of the Congress. The Hammond Hill Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress opened with the pre-Congress Musical on Monday evening after the third Sunday in July and continued through Friday. The Youth Rally on Friday night climaxed Congress activities.

During the year of 1970-71 the President, Rev. W. H. Walker and Vice President, Mr. Elias Johnson were called from labor to rest. The Dean, Rev. V. B. Brown, resigned, but the Congress experienced a successful session under the leadership of the secretary Ms. Gemenie Bowdre (Morgan Grove). In the session that year, Bro. L. L. Jones (Pleasant Hill) was elected president. During the Jones Administration, the congress sponsored the first fully accredited religious institute under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board, sponsored a delegate to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (NBC), encouraged churches to send delegates to the NBC especially young people, and provided or assisted in securing transportation for delegates to the NBC.

Bro. L. L. Jones served until he retired in 1979. His vice-president Bro. Samuel D. Minor, Sr., (Mt. Calm and Dean Minor's grandfather) was elected president. The Congress continued its tremendous growth during the Minor Administration. "Dinner of the Grounds" returned and the youth were given their own class and rehearsal area. In 1981, Bro. Minor retired, and his vice-president Bro. Robert King (New Hope-Southaven) was elected president.

Bro. King served for over 20 years. During his tenure, the Congress outgrew the historical B. I. High School Campus. During the early years of Bro. King's presidency, new programs of study such as the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) was instituted, area coordinators were assigned, and the format of the annual session was re-designed to improve the overall performance and viability of the Congress.

After Bro. King retired, Bro. Hebert H. Brown (New Hope-Walls) served from 2006-2007. During the Brown Administration, Congress attendance continued to grow. Bro. Brown retired in 2007. That same year, the Congress elected Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany) president. He was the first minister to serve as president in nearly 40 years.

After Rev. Biles, Rev. T. J. Denson (West Antioch #2) served as dean. In the mid-1970's Pastor CJ Thomas (Pleasant Hill) became dean. Under his leadership Christian education and Congress attendance grew tremendously. In 2001, Dean Thomas resigned. It was his desire to leave the position while he was still capable of offering guidance and assistance to his replacement. Pastor Michael O. Minor (The Hill-Hernando) succeeded him. The 2002 Congress under the direction of Dean Minor and with the skillful guidance of Immediate Past Dean Thomas was a success; attendance and finance reached a record high. Since 2007, Pastor Bernard Montgomery has served as president. Under his tenure, the Congress has adopted new techniques for outreach to diversify our mix of attendees resulting in more millennials and youth attending. Although it has longer continuous tenure, the Hammond Hill Congress is the educational arm of the Pleasant Hill-Bethlehem Association.

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2019 Courses, Seminars & Workshops

Children, Youth, and Young Adult Division

Theme: Making Right Choices (Isaiah 30:21)

Pastor Andrew Miller, Performing Arts/Youth & Young Adult Director

Pastor Glen Newson (Greater Lake Cormorant), Children's Coordinator

Ms. Lois Tipton-Curry (Halliburton), Youth & Young Adult Rally Coordinator

Ms. Markisha Hudson (The Hill-Hernando), Co-Liturgical Dance Coordinator

Ms. LaTajah Williams (Dean Hill), Co-Liturgical Dance Coordinator

Participants will perform during the Children's, Youth, and Young Adult Rallies on Friday night, 6:45 p.m., at New Bethany.

W210-W211A-C The Solid Rock (Ages 5-11) at New Bethany

Pastor Glen Newson (Greater Lake Cormorant), Evang. Marsha Campbell (Shiloh), and Ms. Emma Oliver (Antioch-Walls)

A variety of interactive activities will be offered to aid children in developing a broader understanding about God's love, recognition about the necessity of salvation, and a desire to share the love of Jesus with others. These activities will be reinforced through preparation for the Children's Rally: **W210 Pre-School (Ages 4 and under), W211A Children (Grades K-1), W211B Children (Grades 2-3), W211C Children (Grades 4-5).**

W212-213 iROCK: Youth Workshop (Ages 12-17) at The Hill

Ms. Lois Tipton-Curry (Halliburton), Multipurpose Room

In this interactive workshop, youth will discuss making right choices in life through a series of role playing and biblical exercises. Participants will prepare a skit for the Youth Rally. **W212 Pre-Teen (Grades 6-8) and W213 Teens (Grades 9-11).**

W230 Young Adults: College Bound and College (Grade 12-College) at The Hill

Ms. Brenda Wright (Cornerstone), Conference Room

This workshop is focused on the life issues faced by college bound and college students. Topics of discussion include important life choices and contemporary issues.

W270 Moving Word Liturgical Dance Workshop at New Bethany

Ms. Markisha Hudson (The Hill-Hernando), and Ms. LaTajah Williams (Dean Hill)

This workshop is open to liturgical dance teams and their coordinators. During interactive sessions, participants will focus on the Biblical basis for the liturgical dance, creative ways to perform, and appropriate dance attire. Participants will also receive a study guide. *Participants should come dressed in work out attire nightly.*

W910 Sister Inez Thomas Music Workshop at New Bethany

Mr. Kenneth Polk, Jr. (New Fellowship)

This workshop is open to choir directors, church musicians, choir members, and all others interested in the presentation of scripture-anchored Gospel music. Participants will learn new musical selections that may be used in your home churches.

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2019 Courses, Seminars & Workshops (con't)

Adult Division

****4026 The Anatomy of Cults at The Hill**

Pastor Callaway Bain (Mt. Olive-Horn Lake), Sanctuary

In this course, students will identify traits and characteristics of cults, “isms,” and religious trends prevalent today. Students will identify damage caused to humanity and the cause of the Gospel by these religious bodies.

****S802 Rekindling Your Spiritual Fire from Within at The Hill**

Lady Lottie Minor (The Hill-Hernando), The Hill – Fellowship Hall

In part 3, participants will focus on ways to rekindle their spiritual fire from within including steps to better their relationship with Jesus. Participants will learn how to apply principles gleaned from one of the focal scriptures 2 Timothy 1 filled with Paul’s words of encouragement for Timothy. *Special Note: Students who have completed Parts 1 and 2 will receive certification as a “Spiritual Fire Rekindler.” Be sure to bring your previous certificates with you to class.*

****#S806B The Ministry of Helps in the Church: Ushers, Greeters, Kitchen Team, and Health Ambassadors at The Hill**

Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany), Outreach Office

This interactive seminar will expound on the ministry of helps rooted in 1 Corinthians 12.28. Participants will also receive the National Institute of Health’s *All of Us* Research Program training and an overview of the Get Covered Mississippi health and wellness initiatives.

****#9024 Congregational Leadership in the 21st Century: Learning to Lead like Jesus at the Hill**

Dr. Michael O. Minor (The Hill-Hernando), Fellowship Hall Room 5

Part of the Mid-South Churches’ Pastor Ronald Taylor, Jr. Clergy Institute

In this course – open to clergy and non-clergy, students will learn to lead like Jesus by applying the following five principles: (1) leaders bring followers together, (2) leaders know their followers, (3) followers recognize, respect the leader, (4) leaders provide spiritual fulfillment for followers, and (5) leaders look out for and provide guidance around danger. As an added bonus, participants will learn how to adapt leadership principles from the *Leadership Challenge* to improve their Christian leadership approaches.

**** = New Course for 2019**

= Sponsored by Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention