

**128<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**  
**Hammond Hill Sunday School and**  
**Congress of Christian Education**  
**Hernando, Mississippi**  
**July 19-21, 2022**  
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**National Theme:**  
***"Glorifying God through Our Commitment to Christ Centered Evangelism"***  
**(Haggai 2.8; Matthew 6.33; Romans 14.12)**

**The Hill Hernando Baptist Church**  
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**Annual Congress of Christian Education  
President's Letter**

June 2022

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 virtual session last year. We look forward to an in-person and virtual session this year as we explore our national theme as we "Commit to Christ Centered Evangelism."



While we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will require masking and practice physical distancing during our session. We will have extra masks and provide hand sanitizer stations.

To help expand our work, your Hammond Hill Congress Team has worked to secure new partnerships and continue existing ones. We will acknowledge each of our partners during our annual session and on our webpage. I'm thankful for Dr. Michael O. Minor and the Hill-Hernando Family for so graciously hosting our session this year without charge.

Our "Dean Team" led by Dr. Michael O. Minor has prepared a wonderful slate of seminars and workshops. Please take advantage of all the Congress has to offer including our Dean's Address Tuesday evening and my Annual Address Thursday evening. On Wednesday evening, I will share about several special initiatives. Finally, we are preparing a special children's, youth, and young adult activity that will take place this summer. We certainly want to support our children and youth.

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

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 128<sup>th</sup> 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: “*Glorifying God through Our Commitment to Christ Centered Evangelism*,” our addresses will focus on different aspects of Jesus’ call to Christian evangelism. In support of this theme, we have designed a supportive schedule of seminars. To keep our curriculum relevant, we’re offering all new adult seminars and re-designed our approach to young adult, youth, and children’s workshops. Please refer to the seminar listing and descriptions for details. Let’s do all we can to support our youth as we strategize on opportunities for them to showcase their talents.

Finally, we ask each of you to share about your experience this week through social media using the hashtag **#HHC2022**. 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](mailto:info@faithmonet.org).

Yours for the cause of Christ,

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

**Your Congress Deans**

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**2022 Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education**  
**Congress Officers**

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**Pastor Bernard Montgomery (New Bethany), President**

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Pastor Robert Ruth (New Hope-Walls), Director General

**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

**Dr. Michael O. Minor (The Hill-Hernando), 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 4, 2022, 9:30 am, at TBD.

**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 5, 2022, 9:30 am, at TBD.

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**Annual State, Regional, & National Christian Education Events**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLISHING BOARD**

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Dr. Derrick Jackson, Executive Director  
Dr. Michael O. Minor; Southwest Region I - Regional Coordinator  
**SSPB Conference: November 28-30, 2022, Opryland-Nashville**  
**Southwest Region I Conference; April 29, 2022, TBD**

**NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (COCE)**

[www.nationalbaptist.com](http://www.nationalbaptist.com)

Dr. Elliott Cuff, President  
Dr. Carl Washington, Dean Dr. Edward Rogers, General Secretary  
**Annual Session: June 19-23, 2023, TBA**  
Auxiliaries to the **National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated**  
Dr. Jerry Young, President  
Dr. Alvin Edwards, General Secretary

**MID-SOUTH CHURCHES COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE STATE COCE**

[www.midsouthchurches.com](http://www.midsouthchurches.com)

Dr. Michael O. Minor, President  
Pastor Dorothy Jones, State Dean-Elect  
**Annual Session:**  
**May 2-4, 2023, 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**

[www.nmbscce.org](http://www.nmbscce.org)

Pastor J. P. Myers, II, President  
Mr. David Brown, Dean  
**Annual Session: March 7-9, 2023, 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**

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**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

6:00 p.m. Registration/Church School Representation  
6:30 p.m. Devotional Period/Plenary Session  
Dean Minor's Twenty First Annual Address (Romans 14.12)  
7:15 – 9:15 p.m. Class Period 1

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

6:00 p.m. Church School Representation  
Plenary Session/Business Period/Special Projects/Congress Rally  
7:15 – 9:20 p.m. Class Period 2

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

6:00 p.m. Church School Representation  
Devotional Period/Plenary Session/Business Period  
President Montgomery's Fifteenth Annual Address (Matthew 6.33)  
7:15 – 9:15 p.m. Class Period 3

**Are you or someone you know currently uninsured? If you answered "yes," you may have options to #GetCoveredMississippi through:**

- A Special Enrollment Period (SEP)
- A federally qualified community health center
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**Affordable Care Act Navigator and Connecting Kids to Coverage Grantee**

**OAK HILL REGIONAL**  
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## **Hammond Hill Sunday School and Congress of Christian Education Brief History**

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*(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 (New Bethany) 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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**2022 Courses, Seminars & Workshops**

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**Children, Youth, and Young Adult Division**

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

**Adult Division**

**Sunday School Matters: Small Groups Bible Study Approach –**

Dr. Jevon Marshall

**Lessons from Powerful Women Prayer Warriors –**

Sister Cathey Garrett

**5 Unsung Black Heroes/Heroines in the Bible America Needs Today**

– Pastor Callaway Bain



**\*\*Seminar 1. Sunday School Matters: Small Groups Bible Study Approach**

**Dr. Jevon Marshall**

During this pandemic, Sunday School attendance has dropped dramatically. Many churches now do not even bother to purchase Sunday School literature. Yet, we need Sunday School now more than ever before. One way to re-invigorate our Sunday School is through small groups. The small group Bible study model offers an opportunity to share the week's Sunday School lesson but necessarily on Sunday.

**\*\*Seminar 2. Five Unsung Black Heroes/Heroines in the Bible America Needs Today**

**Pastor Callaway Bain (Mt. Olive-Horn Lake)**

Over the last few years, we have seen many examples of overt racism in our nation. As believers, it is sometimes hard to know how to engage on the topic of racism. One way to dialog about racism in America is to lean into the example of Black Bible heroes and heroines. Their justice, compassion, and willingness to make moves speaks through the generations. It changed history then, and it can change history now. We will focus on Ebed-Melech, Simon of Cyrene, the Ethiopian Eunuch, Zipporah, and Solomon's Bride.

**\*\*Seminar 3. Lessons from Powerful Women Prayer Warriors**

**Sister Cathey Garrett (Ebenezer-Como)**

"A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape. But a woman of strength kneels in prayer and keeps her soul in shape." We are commanded to pray. Even though God knows our needs before we even think to ask Him. We can trust that God, in His providence will meet our needs – yet still we are commanded to pray. In scripture, we notice many strong and faithful women of God. In this seminar, we will be discussing 10 awesome women and what we can learn from them.

**\*\* = New Course for 2022**