



83rd Annual Session

Of the

Congress of Christian Education

Auxiliary to the

Union District Baptist Association of Arkansas

THEME: "THE CHALLENGE TO CHANGE SERVING THIS PRESENT AGE WITH AN UNCHANGING GOSPEL"

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JULY 20 - 23, 2025

Rev. James Garrison, Congress President

Sister Beverly Palmer, Congress Dean

Rev. R. Glenn Chargois, Director General

Deacon Terry Hendricks, Treasurer

Rev. Roy V. Elliott, Jr, Moderator

HELD AT:

First Baptist Church Highland Park

1701 S. Pine St

Little Rock, AR 72204

Dr. Nathanel Palmer, Pastor



2025
CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
83RD CONGRESS
AT-A-GLANCE

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SUNDAY MUSICAL JULY 20TH 6:00PM - 8:00PM

MONDAY, JULY 21ST – WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD

MORNING CLASSES 8:00AM-10:30AM
EVENING CLASSES 6:00PM – 7:50PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES ONLY 5:30PM – 7:10PM

MONDAY, JULY 21ST

CONGRESS WORSHIP HOUR 10:40AM-11:40AM
CONGRESS DEAN’S ADDRESS 8:00PM

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND

CONGRESS WORSHIP HOUR 10:40AM-11:40AM
CONGRESS PRESIDENT ADDRESS 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD

CONGRESS WORSHIP HOUR 10:40AM-11:40AM
YOUTH NIGHT 7:15PM

CONGRESS ATTENDANCE IS CONSIDERED PART OF YOUR COURSE HOURS!!!!

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

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Worship through Music.....St. Peter’s Rock Baptist Church
Introduction of Congress President.....Sis. Shirley Garrison



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Worship through Music..... St. Peter’s Rock Baptist Church
Congress President Inaugural Address.....Rev. James E. Garrison, Sr.
St. Peter’s Rock Baptist Church---Union District Congress of Christian Education

Invitation to Discipleship.....Presiding Officer
Offering..... Union District Ushers
Announcements.....Rev. R. Glenn Chargois, Director General
Benediction.....Rev. James E. Garrison, Sr.
Union District Usher

Wednesday Morning ~ July 23, 2025

8:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.....Class Period
10:40 A.M. Worship
~ Presiding, Rev. Rodney Harris ~
Pastor, Labannah Missionary Baptist Church

Pulpit Devotion.....Rev. Sedric Cross
Pastor, Greater Rose of Sharon Baptist Church

Worship through Music..... Malika Toney / Willis Berry
Introduction of Preacher of the Hour.....Presiding Officer

Sermonic Hymn..... Malika Toney / Willis Berry
Worship through the Word..... Rev. Michael Hansbury
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wrightsville, AR

Invitation to Discipleship.....Presiding Officer
Offering..... Finance Committee in Charge
Announcements.....Rev. R. Glenn Chargois, Director General
Benediction..... Rev. Michael Hansbury Union District Ushers

Wednesday Evening ~July 23, 2025

5:30 P.M. – 7:10 P.M.....Class Period
~ 7:00 P.M. ~

~YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA~

Pulpit Devotion..... Rev. Tyrone Dillard
Greater Second Baptist Church

Worship through Music

Introduction of Congress Dean..... Dr. David Featherstone
Pastor, Greater Second Baptist Church

Worship through Music

Dean’s Inaugural Address.....Sis. Beverly Palmer
Greater Second Baptist Church-----Union District Congress of Christian Education
Invitation to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer
Offering..... Union District Ushers
Announcements.....Rev. R. Glenn Chargois, Director General
Benediction

Union District Ushers

Tuesday Morning ~ July 22, 2025

8:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Class Period

10:40 A.M. Worship
~ Presiding, Rev. Will Pittman, III, ~10:00am
Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Pulpit Devotion..... Rev. William Givens, Sr.
St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Worship through Music.....Malika Toney / Willis Berry
Introduction of Preacher of Hour..... Presiding Officer
Worship through Music.....Malika Toney / Willis Berry
Worship through the Word..... Rev. Bennie Jackson, Jr.
Pastor, Salem Missionary Baptist Church

Invitation to Discipleship.....Presiding Officer
Offering..... Finance Committee and Ushers
Announcements..... Rev. R. Glenn Chargois, Director General
Benediction..... Rev. Bennie Jackson, Jr.

Union District Ushers

Tuesday Evening ~ July 22, 2025

6:00 P.M. – 7:50 P.M.Class Period

8:00 P.M. Worship

~Presiding, Dr. Nathaniel Palmer ~
First Baptist Church, Highland Park---Director of Ministers’ Division,
Union District Baptist Association

Pulpit Devotion..... Rev. Roy Steed
St. Peter’s Rock Baptist Church

Greetings to the 83rd Annual Session of the Union District Congress of Christian Education

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



It is with a heart full of gratitude and humility that I extend warm greetings to each of you as we gather for the “83rd Annual Session of the Union District Congress of Christian Education.” I am truly thankful and honored to serve as your president.

This Congress continues to stand as a beacon of Christian growth and spiritual excellence. Our emphasis remains steadfast: the full development of every believer; mind, body, and soul. In a world filled with distractions and division, we press forward in unity, striving to be of one mind and one spirit, as Christ has called us to be.

The strength and greatness of our Congress lie in the unwavering commitment of people like our leaders, teachers, students, and servants of God, who dedicate themselves faithfully to the work of Christian education. Your dedication makes this congress not only effective but exceptional.

We are blessed that, like sessions before us, this 83rd Annual Session is certified. This, another testament to the collective commitment to excellence in ministry and education.

As we move forward together, may we be continually reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians:

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

May the Lord bless this session, each participant, and all the work done for His glory. Let us go forward in unity, excellence, and faith.

In His Service,

James E. Garrison, Sr.

James E. Garrison, Sr., President
Union District Congress of Christian Education



Dear Union District Baptist Congress of Christian Education,

“Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.” Proverbs 1:5 / “In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech....” Titus 2:7

“Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.”

Each one of you are special to us and it is with great joy and heartfelt gratitude that I extend warm greetings to all participants, leaders, and attendees of Union District 83rd Annual Congress of Christian Education. We want you to feel the love of Jesus as we prepare to gather together, and we thank our heavenly Father for granting us yet another opportunity to serve.

The Congress of Christian Education is an extension of your Christian study playing a pivotal role in equipping believers with the knowledge, tools, and inspiration necessary to live out their faith with conviction and purpose. A school dedicated not to shelter its members from the world, but rather to teach them how to transform it.

May this Congress of Christian Education inspire and equip each of us to understand the truth in the Bible and then share that faith confidently with others. Learning how to defend our faith and effectively share the Gospel with a fallen world. Let us be encouraged to make a lasting impact on our churches and communities, shining the light of Christ in every corner of the world.

May God’s grace and peace be upon each of you as you seek to grow in faith, truth and knowledge. Classes will convene at First Baptist Church Highland Park, 1701 S. Pine St, Little Rock, AR 72204 on July 21st -23rd, 2024 @ 8am & 6pm. Beginning with our musical on July 20, 2025.

May your cup overflow, may your faith shine brighter and may your heart be filled with the word of God. I look forward to a spirit lifting, edifying educational week of our Congress of Christian Education.

May you be blessed with His strength,

Beverly Palmer

Beverly Palmer, Dean

Monday Morning July 21, 2025

7:30 A.M..... Registration
8:00 A.M. – 8:10 A.M..... General Assembly
8:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.....Class Period

10:40 A.M.

~Presiding, Rev. Corey Wiley ~

Pastor, Holy Cross Baptist Church

~ Official Opening - Rev. James E. Garrison, Sr., President ~

Union District Congress of Christian Education, St. Peter’s Rock Baptist Church

Pulpit Devotion..... Rev. Tyrone Dillard
Greater Second Baptist Church
Women Mission President Greetings..... Dr. Jeanne Moss
Moderator’s Greetings..... Rev. Roy Elloitt, Jr.
Worship through Music.....Malika Toney / Willis Berry
Approval od Program.....Sis. Zandra Elliott, Congress Secretary
COPP Emphasis.....Sis. Laura Landrum, Dean of Record
Introduction of Speaker.....Presiding Officer
Sermonic HymnMalika Toney / Willis Berry
Worship through the Word.....Rev. Patrick Greene
Pastor, Pilgrim Valley Baptist Church
Invitation to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer
Offering..... Finance Committee/Ushers
Announcements..... Rev. R. Glenn Chargois, Director General
Benediction..... Rev. Patrick Greene

Union District Ushers

Monday Evening ~ July 21, 2025

6:00 P.M. – 6:10 P.M.....General Assembly
6:15 P.M. – 7:50 P.M.....Class Period

8:00 P.M.

~ Presiding, Rev. James E. Garrison, Sr. ~

St. Peter’s Rock Baptist Church




2025 Union District Congress Officers

Congress President	Rev. James E. Garrison, Sr.
Congress Dean	Sis. Beverly Palmer
Congress Assistant Dean	Sis. Phyllis Whitaker
Dean Secretary	Sis. Kimberly Haymon
Congress Secretary	Sis. Zondra Elliott
Dean of Record	Dean Laura Landrum
Director General	Rev. R. Glenn Chargois
Assistant Director General	Bro. Anthony Williams
Youth Director	Ms. Sheryl Alexander
Youth Christian Education Director	Sis. Carla Smith
Music Director	Sis. Malika Toney
Congress Musician	Bro. Willis Berry
Children Choir Director	Sis. Toni Robinson
Youth Musician	Bro. Ryley Pegues
Youth Pagent Director Instructor General	Bro. Anthony Williams


2025 UNION DISTRICT CONGRESS CURRICULUM LISTING

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR
1028-D	Survey of Esther	Sis. Linda Gilliam Weir
2080-D	Missionary Education in the Church	Sis. Jackie Griffin-White
7005-D Phase 3	Christian Evangelism	Ms. Ella Louise Barber
7014-D	Equipping Laypersons to Serve	DR. Lloyd Hervey
8035-D Phase 4	The African American Church and Social Justice	Dean Laura Landrum
1001-N Phase 1	Introduction to the Bible	Dr. Krishna Young
1040-N	Survey of Song of Solomon	Deacon Ivory Cannon
1109-N	The Study of Last Things	Rev. William Givens
2007-N Phase 2	Christian Stewardship	Rev. Kenneth Traylor
3012-N	People of Color in The Bible	Rev. Corey Wiley
9008-N	Public Speaking	Deacon K.O. Young
Enrichment-N	Debt Free Living: How To Manage Money Through the Word	Rev. Randle Key
Enrichment-N	‘Finding Truth’ – Culture Shock	Rev. Patrick Greene



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Youth registration also available

MORNING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN (Ages 6 – 17)
July 21 – 23, 2025
Congress of Christian Education- First Baptist Church Highland Park

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
6 - 8	Bible Stories, Run and Tell That	Sis. Loretta Maxwell Sis. Andrea Miller	8:00am

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
9 - 11	You Said What to God (Prayer Works)	Rev. Jermaine Rudd	8:00 am

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
12 - 14	Healthy Minds, Bodies & Souls	Nurse Aleecia Evans	8:00 am

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
15 - 17	Taking Jesus to the Streets-Teenage Evangelism	Rev. Michael Sanders	8:00 am

Evening Classes for Children (6 – 17)

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
6 - 8	Creative Minds Think Like Jesus	Sis. Myra Collier Bro. Ricky Collier	6:00pm
6 - 8	Songs to Help Us Through Life’s Journey	Sis. Tamara Washington	6:00 pm

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
9 - 11	You Said What to God (Prayer Works)	Sis. Tracie Stenhouse	6:00 pm
AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME

12 - 15	Dress Your Best for Success-Young Men only	Rev. Cornelius Mallett	6:00 pm
12 - 15	Dress Your Best for Success-Young Ladies only	Sis. Cassandra Stokes	6:00 pm

AGES	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	TIME
16 -17	ATTITUDE, ATTITUDE, ATTITUDE	Rev. Stacy Watson	6:00 pm
16 - 17	No Cap, Bussin, SMH-Stewarts for the Lord---Talent, Time, Tithe	Rev. Cameron Mitchell	6:00
Night Special Courses- 6:00 pm			

Sign Language Choir

Bro. Wesley Ewell

This worship is limited to 25 youths (**ONLY**) who have an interest in ministering to the deaf and hearing impaired and will provide the fundamentals of sign language and also deal with ways to organize a ministry to the deaf in the local church. Must be pre-registered to attend this class.

Praise Dance Ministry --- -Instructor--Sis. Courtney McDuffie:- This workshop is limited to 25 youth and they must be pre-registered to attend this class.

NURSERY - (NIGHT ONLY) TBD

Youth Rally Guidelines

1. All YOUTH are urged to take part in ONLY ONE division in the Youth Rally.
2. Attire for Youth Rally (Wednesday Night) is: TBA
3. Churches that have Delegates in the Youth Rally are asked to stay with their Youth during Rehearsal.
4. All Youth should Dress Conservatively for classes and Youth Rally.

YOUTH ASSEMBLY-Monday – Wednesday--10:00—11:00

Monday, July 21, 2025 – First Baptist Church Highland Park-Petting Zoo

Tuesday, July 22, 2025-Mt. Olive, NLR, Devotion - Minority Health Comm. Snacks

Wednesday, July 23, 2025-Holy Cross, Devotion – Rev. M. Cooper, Leadership

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