

**EAST CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NC, INC.**

**Rev. Dr. George Crews, III Moderator**



**THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**2025 SPRING INSTITUTE**

**Theme: "Serving Courageously and Faithfully in Uncertain  
Times" - Joshua 1:1-9**

***Sub Theme: "Christian Education in Uncertain Times"***

**April 8-10, 2025, 6 -8 pm**

**Shady Hill Missionary Baptist Church**

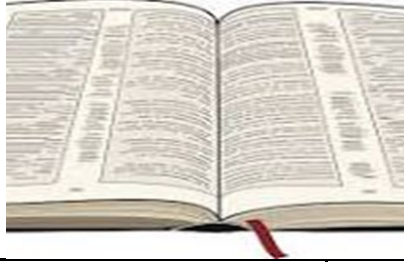
**500 Old Durham Road, Roxboro, NC 27573**

**Pastor Rev. Eddie Fuller**

**Deacon Larry Williams, Congress President**

**Reverend Shelton Harris, Congress Dean**

# The Classes



CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
The Baptist Church	Rev. James Isaac, III
Trustees	Rev. Dr. Michael Page
Deacon/Deaconess	Rev. Dr. Langston Logan
Pastors	Rev. Dr. Lafayette Maxwell
Associate Ministers	Rev. Dr. Kenneth Williams
Developing a Sunday School that Works	Rev. Crystal Bullock
Missionaries	Rev. Joyce D. Clayton
Youth	Rev. Pam Lester
Finding Your Place in the Church (Tuesday)	Min. Montez Thomas
The Church and the Community	Rev. William V. Lucas

## THANK YOU

Pastor Fuller and Shady Hill Missionary Baptist Church, for your hospitality and all those who helped make this institute possible.

# **The Congress of Christian Education of the East Cedar Grove Association**

## **Spring Institute Agenda**

***Theme: “Serving Courageously and Faithfully in Uncertain Times “ - Joshua 1:1-9***

***Subtheme: “Christian Education in Uncertain Times***

### **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Rev. Adam Pettiford, CCE First Vice President</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>Congregational Hymn</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Sis. Lois Cameron, CCE Second Vice President</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Deacon William Ellison, CCE Third Vice President</b>
<b>Greetings</b>	<b>Rev. Eddie Fuller, Host Pastor</b>
	<b>Rev. Dr. George Crews, III, Moderator, ECGMBA</b>
	<b>Deacon Larry Williams, President, Congress of Christian Education</b>
<b>Directives</b>	<b>Trustee Cathy Dillehay</b>
<b>Members Report to Class</b>	

### **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**Report to Class 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025, 600 PM—8:00 PM**

***Report to the Sanctuary 6:00 PM***

<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Deacon Larry Williams ECGMBC CCE President</b>
<b>Opening Song</b>	<b>Shaddy Hill Missionary Baptist Church Choir</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Trustee Bernard Jay</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Deacon Robert Dunn</b>
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Introduction of Preacher</b>	
<b>Song</b>	<b>Shady Hill Missionary Baptist Church Choir</b>
<b>Inspirational Preacher</b>	<b>Reverend Eddie White, III</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>Rev. Eddie White, II</b>

## Instructor Biographical Briefs



**The Reverend James Isaac, III**, is a native of Durham, NC. He is the son of Mr. James Isaac, Jr. and the late Mrs. Annie B. Isaac. He was licensed to preach the Gospel and ordained by the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Durham.

Reverend Isaac was educated in the Durham Public Schools System. He is a graduate of North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC, with a B.S. degree in Computer Science. Reverend Isaac has furthered his studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Shaw University Divinity School.

He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Christian Student Leadership Consultation and the Association of Christian Student Leaders. He served as Second Vice-Moderator and Executive Board Member of the Wake Missionary Baptist Association. He served on the Board of Directors of Method Day Care Center, Inc. Reverend Isaac served as a member of the Minister's Council of the General Baptist State Convention of NC and the Special Assistant to the National Director of the National Baptist Student Union.

Reverend Isaac is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chinquapin, NC, and the Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. In May 2000, Reverend Isaac was called to serve as the twelfth pastor of the New Hope Granville Missionary Baptist Church, Berea community, Oxford, NC.

Pastor Isaac served as the Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, the General Baptist State Convention of NC Moderator of Moderators, and a member of the General Baptist State Convention's Election Committee. He currently serves as Chairman of the Executive Board of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association and Vice-Chairman of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc. He is married to Cheryal Blount Isaac. They are parents of three adult children: Jasmine, James IV, and Jessica. They are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren, Jayden James and Kennedy Yvonn



**Rev. Pamela Lester**, Associate Minister of the Olive Grove MBC under the leadership of Pastor Johnnie M. White Sr. received her minister license on September 7th, 2015, Rev. Mack Timberlake Sr., pastor. She pursued her studies in the 2016 Minister class at Mount Vernon MBC under the teaching of Pastor J. Eric Morgan, III until 2023. Rev. Lester was ordained on Nov. 26, 2017 through the E.C. G.M.B.A by Rev. Trice and the Ordaining Committee. She also attended the Southern Baptist Seminaries (extensions) from 2020 to 2021. She presently is the 4th vice president of the ECGMBA Women's Auxiliary, a Missionary teacher and president of Gospel Choir at the Olive Grove MBC. She is a current graduate of a Medical Billing and Coding Program from DeVry University.

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**Reverend Dr. Langston Logan, Sr..** Langston D. Logan, Sr. is a native of Gretna, Virginia, and is a product of the local school system. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary and College, which is now known as Virginia University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Rev. Logan also pursued further studies at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, and obtained his Doctor of Theology degree from Florida International University. His dissertation was titled “The Effects of Martin Luther on the Church, Religion, and the World.”

Dr. Logan has been in ministry for over 30 years. He began his career as the pastor of Sunflower Baptist Church in Halifax County, Virginia, where he served for ten years. He was then called to pastor Lawson Chapel Baptist Church in Roxboro, North Carolina, where he has served for 34 years. He has conducted workshops in Virginia and North Carolina on Church Leadership, Church Membership, Pastoral Leadership, calling the Pastor, Deacon Leadership, and Resolving Conflict in the Church.

Dr. Logan has served as president of the Roxboro/Person County Ministerial Association and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He continues to mentor pastors and ministers in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.



**Minister G. Montez Thomas** is an associate minister at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, NC, where he teaches Sunday School, Children’s Church, and Vacation Bible School. Previously, he served as Ministerial Liaison to the Male Summit ministry, a member of the Youth Council Advisory Committee, and a member of the Pastoral Selection Committee.

Min. Thomas has a passion for education and youth empowerment. He leads a summer book club for middle school students, coaches youth sports, and has worked in education for nearly 20 years. He currently serves as a Scholar Advisor for the prestigious Morehead-Cain Scholarship program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Min. Thomas earned his BA in Journalism and M.Ed in School Counseling at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Sharon, are Durham residents

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**Reverend Joyce Daye Clayton** serves as Assistant Pastor under the leadership of Reverend Dr. G. Larry Wilson, Pastor of New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church in Rougemont, North Carolina. She was licensed to preach in 2009, ordained in 2011 and received a diploma in Ministers/Pastoral Education from Northern in 2014. Reverend Clayton holds a Master of Art Degree and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from North Carolina Central University, a Certificate in University Management Development from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and pursued graduate studies beyond the Master's Degree in History at Carolina. She served as an Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences & the General College at the University of North Carolina at Chapel and Lecturer/Director of the Upward Bound Program at The University of North Carolina in the School of Education; and High School teacher and Chair of the Social Studies Department at Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, NC. Reverend Clayton also co-authored an article in the Fall 1998 edition of The Journal of Negro Education.

Reverend Clayton's ministries include: Assistant Pastor, New Members Orientation Class Teacher, Grief Support Ministry President and member of the Missionary Circle Ministry and Personnel Committee, 2nd Vice President and Chairperson of the Women of God Prayer Warriors Prayer Ministry and the Christian Education Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and Editor of the ECGMBA's Newsletter, The ECGMBA Baptist Inspirer. Reverend Clayton has served as president of state and regional educational associations and boards. She ministers monthly at Accordius Health at Rose Manor, Durham, NC. She has received numerous awards. Reverend Clayton was married for fifty years to the late Burley McCoy Clayton, Jr., the mother of Lucious A. Clayton and daughter-in-law Latrise Y. Clayton and the daughter of the late George (G.C.) and Alberta Parker Daye. She is the sister of William (W.C.) Daye and the late George Alvin Daye. She resides in Durham, NC, and loves preaching, teaching and encouraging others, family, singing hymns, writing poetry and essays, and working in her flower gardens.



**Reverend Crystal Yvonne Bullock** lives in Durham, NC. She answered the call to ministry in 2009 and was licensed to preach the gospel in September 2010. Rev. Bullock was ordained in 2017. In 2016, Rev. Bullock earned a Bachelor of Theology from Apex School of Theology and attained her Master of Divinity from Shaw University Divinity School in May 2023. Rev. Bullock is currently pursuing her doctoral degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

She is an Associate Minister at Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the illustrious Rev. Dr. George Crews III. Rev. Bullock is the director of the Christian Education Department at Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoys teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School to GOD'S people.

Rev. Bullock is a member of the Ministers Deacons Deaconess Union of the East Cedar Grove Association. She has been a Surgical Technologist for twenty-two years and currently works for the Rex UNC Healthcare organization.

Rev. Bullock is married to her best friend and confidant, the Rev. Bruce Bullock. Together, they have seven children and five grandchildren.



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**Rev. Dr. Michael Page** oversaw external affairs at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), collaborating with various stakeholders, including government entities, NCCU faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community leaders, to support the university's mission. Previously, he directed Campus Ministries at NCCU.

With a strong background in community and government relations, Dr. Page was elected to the Durham Board of Education in May 2000, becoming its first African-American chairman. He also served on the Durham County Board of Commissioners for 12 years, eight of them as chairman. He is involved with multiple organizations, including the Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees and the Urban Ministries Board. His accolades include the Chancellor's Merit Award at NCCU and being named Tar Heel of the Week by the News & Observer.

In addition to his educational and community efforts, Dr. Page is the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Durham and the former executive director of United Christian Campus Ministry. He founded Antioch Builds Community, Inc., a nonprofit organization that enhances life in Durham. A native of Roseland, Virginia, Dr. Page holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from NCCU, a Master of Divinity from Shaw University, and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary.



**Rev. William V. Lucas, JD, M. Div.,** A native of Rich Square, North Carolina, Pastor Lucas is senior pastor, co-founder of First Chronicles Community Church, and a licensed attorney in North Carolina and the District of Columbia. Pastor Lucas is the immediate past chair of the Durham Martin L. King, Jr. Steering Committee, current chair of the Triangle MLK, Jr. Steering Committee, Durham Technical Community College Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee, Executive Director/Founder of First Chronicles Child Development Center, and owner of W&P Lucas Real Estate Investment Company. Pastor Lucas serves as the President of Hayti Community Ministers and Friends, Inc., Durham CAN Ministerial Council, All On The Line National Redistricting Committee, Forbes Foundation Board of Directors, former Vice-President Durham Technical Community College Early Childhood Organization,

former Rich Square Town Council Member, NAACP Member, East Cedar Grove Ministerial Association, and Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance member. He has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math Education from North Carolina A&T State University, Juris Doctorate from North Carolina Central University, Master of Divinity from Shaw University, and a BK Add-On Licensure from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

He is passionate about community development and recently completed a National Community Organizing Training in Chicago, Illinois. He is married to Pebbles Lucas, and they have two children.



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**Dr. Lafayette Maxwell, Reverend Dr. Lafayette Maxwell** has served proudly as the Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Apex, North Carolina. Dr. Maxwell is entering his 46th year as pastor of Mt. Zion this year. He is a graduate of New Station High School, Jacksonville, FL. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from the University of Florida. He continued his education at Duke University Divinity School, where he obtained a Master of Divinity in 1980. Dr. Maxwell's commitment to educational excellence led him to Virginia Union Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, where he received his Doctoral Degree in 1999 with his powerful Doctoral Dissertation on: "Resurrecting and Reclaiming Our Black Boys

and Girls in the Durham Youth Enrichment Program."

A dynamic speaker, educator, and community activist, Dr. Maxwell has preached and lectured in many local areas, cities across the United States, and other countries such as Africa, Barbados, Trinidad, and Mexico. Dr. Lafayette Maxwell has served as Moderator of the New Hope Association 2003 – 2007, and served the General Baptist State Convention Moderators Council, and was honored in 2007 as one of the Moderators of the year by the General Baptist State Convention Annual Session at Union Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. Past President of the New Hope Union of the New Hope Association and Auditor. Dr. Lafayette Maxwell serves as Academic Dean of the New Hope Association, President of the Congress of Christian Education, and a Member of the New Hope Association Executive Board.

In addition to all his above accomplishments, awards, and aspirations, Dr. Lafayette Maxwell is most proud of being called the Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Apex, North Carolina, and an Ambassador of the Triune God!

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**Reverend Dr. Kenneth M. Williams** is a native of North Carolina. He resided in California for 30 years. He was called into the ministry in 1970 while serving in the U.S. Navy Military Marching Band, where he served as Band Director, Drum Major, and 1st Trumpeter. Reverend Dr. Williams holds a Doctor of Divinity and a Master's Degree in Theology from Golden Grain Bible Seminary of Oxnard, California; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Welfare from California State University at Long Beach, Long Beach, California, and holds an Associate's Degree in Music from Ventura College, Ventura California. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Phi-Fraternity.

He is a Born-Again Ordained Baptist Minister with 20 years of pastoral experience and 37 years in the preaching ministry. He served 15 years as Pastor of the New Hope Mission-ary Baptist Church in Oxnard, California. 8 years as Administrator for the Developmentally Challenged Population. He is the founder of the Gospel Music Association of Ventura County and former Southern California Gospel Music Radio announcer for 12 years.

Reverend Williams served in the following capacities: Ventura County Religious Affairs Committee, Chaplain with the Oxnard Police Association, Oxnard Zoning and Redevelopment Committee, and member of the Executive Board of the Golden Grain Bible Seminary.

Reverend Williams was divinely ordered to relocate back to the state of North Carolina in 2001. He became the Pastor of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church serving from November 2002 through 2008.

He serves as Second Vice Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association. He is a past Moderator At large of the Middle Baptist Association, President of the Tri County Community Development Corporation, Organizer of the Middle Baptist Association Mass Choir, Host and announcer of "Sunday Best" Gospel Music Inspirational Radio Show WCBQ, Oxford, and Chairman of Tri County Gospel Association of North Carolina.

Reverend Williams is employed at Wake Technical Community College as a Testing Administrator, Gospel Choir Director, and Club Advisor. Rev. Williams is currently Pastor of the Hawkins Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Franklinton, NC. He is married to Elizabeth Williams and is a father of 4 daughters and has 7 grandchildren.

## INSPIRATIONAL PREACHER



### Reverend Eddie White, III

**Eddie R. White, III**, is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina. He attended public schools in Cumberland County and graduated from E. E. Smith Senior High School. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from North Carolina Central University. Higher education includes a Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry. His current academic endeavor is to earn a Master of Divinity in Preaching and Pastoral Ministry.

Under the leadership of Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor Emeritus, and Pastor Dr. Marc Lavarin, Reverend White has been a member of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC, since 1997. He obtained his license to Christian Ministry as an Associate Minister in July 2009 and, in January 2016, was ordained by Pastor Davis through the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. From 2016 to 2020, he led as the pastor of Cedar Rock Missionary Baptist Church in New Hill, North Carolina.

His service in various leadership roles has marked Reverend White's ministry, each contributing to the growth and well-being of the church community. He enjoys developing youth and young adults and men's, senior adults, and couple's ministries. He has been instrumental in helping the church expand its outreach programs. He is also known for his strong faith, dedication to those in need, and church leadership in its mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reverend White has been an officer of the Congress of Christian Education, the Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, since 2010 and currently serves as its President.

Despite his demanding schedule, Reverend White's unwavering commitment to his wife, Avera, and his two children, Amani and Eddie, is a testament to his values and character. Reverend White's personal life philosophy, as modeled through his favorite scripture, Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others."

# **Congress of Christian Education**

## **Spring Institute 2025**

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Special gratitude is expressed to each member of the 2025 Spring Institute Planning Committee for hard work and commitment to the Congress of Christian Education, while remembering the dedication of those who labored before us. Appreciation is also expressed to Rev.

Clayton for helping prepare the program booklet.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Shelton Harris

Dean, Congress of Christian Education