

EAST CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NC, INC.

Rev. Dr. George Crews, III Moderator



THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2024 SPRING INSTITUTE

Theme: "Serving Courageously and Faithfully in Uncertain Times"

- Joshua 1:1-9

April 9- 11, 2024, 6 -8 pm

First Calvary Baptist Church

1311 Morehead Avenue. Durham, NC 27707

Pastor Rev. Dr. Marc A. Lavarin

Deacon Larry Williams, Congress President

Reverend Shelton Harris, Congress Dean

The Classes



| CLASS | INSTRUCTOR | ROOM # |
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| The Church And The Community | Rev. James Isaac, III | Room 3 |
| Trustees | Rev. Johnnie M. Bethea | Library |
| Deacon/Deaconess | Rev. Dr. Michael D. Page | Sanctuary |
| Pastor's | Rev. Dr. Lafayette Maxwell | Room 1 |
| Associate Ministers | Rev. Dr. James Smith | Choir Room |
| The Sunday School Of Today | Sis. Heddie Fletcher | Fellowship Hall (a) |
| Missionaries | Rev. Joyce Clayton | Fellowship Hall (b) |
| Youth | Rev. Pam Lester | Conference Room |
| Leadership Where Everyone's Voice Is Heard | Rev. Dr. Mikael Broadway | Room 2 |

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To

Rev. Dr. Marc Lavarin Senior Pastor of First Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
For your Hospitality

and all those that helped to make this Institute possible.

The Congress of Christian Education of the East Cedar Grove Association

Spring Institute Agenda

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Tuesday, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

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| Presiding | Rev. Adam Pettiford, CCE 1st President |
| Song | Congregational Hymn |
| Scripture | Rev. Angela Thompson, ECGMBA Director of CE |
| Prayer | Deacon Ronnie Robinson, ECGMBA Ushers Pres. |
| Greetings | Rev. Dr. Marc A. Lavarin, MDIV, Host Pastor |
| | Rev. Dr. George Crews, III, Moderator, ECGMBA |
| | Deacon Larry Williams, President, Congress of Christian Education |
| Directives | Sis. Mary Gilmer, Church Clerk |
| Members Report to Class | |

Wednesday, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Report to Class

Thursday, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Report to Class for Wrap-up - Report to Sanctuary for Inspirational Speaker at 6:45

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| Presiding | Deacon Larry Williams ECGMBC CCE President |
| Scripture | |
| Prayer | Pastor Carlos Lewis, President ECGMBA |
| | Laymens League |
| Introduction of Preacher | Deacon Lloyd Ellison, 3rd VP ECGMBA CCE |
| Song | First Calvary Choir |
| Inspirational Speaker | Rev. William Booth, First Calvary MBC |
| Benediction | Rev. Booth |

Teacher's 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 BS 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

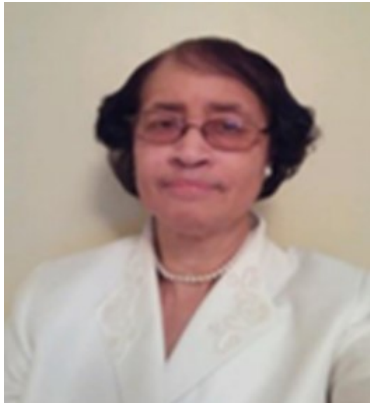
National Baptist Student Union. Reverend Isaac is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chinquapin, NC and the Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. In May 2000, Reverend Isaac was called to serve as the twelfth pastor of the New Hope Granville Missionary Baptist Church, Berea community, Oxford,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



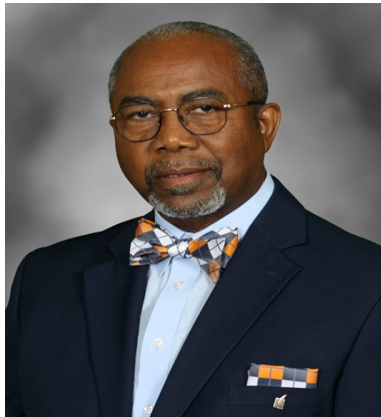
Reverend Joyce Daye Clayton serves as Assistant Pastor under the leadership of Reverend Dr. G. Larry Wilson, Pastor of New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church in Rougemont, North Carolina. She was licensed to preach in 2009, ordained in 2011 and received a diploma in Ministers/Pastoral Education from Northern Piedmont Bible Institute in 2014. Reverend Clayton holds a Masters of Art Degree and a Bachelors 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 bi-monthly to Accordius Health at Rose Manor, Durham, NC and Carolina Meadows Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, NC. She has received numerous awards and recognitions Reverend Clayton was married for fifty years to the late Burley McCoy Clayton, Jr. and mother of Lucious A. Clayton and daughter-in-law Latrise Y. Clayton. She is the daughter of the late George (G.C.) and Alberta Parker Daye, and sister to 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 prose, and working in her flower gardens.

Inspirational Preacher & Teacher Biographical Briefs



Mrs. Heddie Fletcher is the First Lady of Tally Ho Missionary Baptist Church in Stem, North Carolina, with Rev. Moses Fletcher, pastor. She currently serves as Sunday School Teacher and was, prior to the COVID Pandemic, the leader of Noon Day Bible Study. Mrs. Fletcher is a graduate of Durham Technical Community College where she served as an Instructor and Financial Aid Assistant. She earned a BA Degree in Business Education and MA Degree in Public Administration North Carolina Central University. Mrs. Fletcher also served as a substitute teacher for Durham Public School System and as secretary for various establishments. Additionally, she served with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and as a volunteer and secretary to the Adult Home Care Advisory Committee or the City of Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. Fletcher is a devoted Christian, servant and helping hand.



Dr. James W. Smith was born and reared in Louisburg (Franklin County) North Carolina where he attended the public schools. He graduated from the former Perry's High School and later attended North Carolina Central University and NCCU Law School where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce and a Juris Doctorate Degree. His seminary studies were done at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Shaw Divinity School and he eventually earned Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry Degrees from Andersonville Theological Seminary, Camilla, Georgia. Dr. Smith served as Vice Moderator at Large and Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., Moderator of Moderators or the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity (IMA) and a member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He is the retired pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Bahama, NC. Presently, Dr. Smith serves on the Executive Committee of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity and the Triangle Steering Committee for HBCU's. Dr. Smith is the author of three published books, "Deal By Me, A Golden Opportunity Blown," "Deal By Me 2nd Edition, A Self Evaluation" and "Come, Let Us Reason Together." Dr. Smith is a church consultant and inspirational speaker. He has a podcast entitled, "Deal By Me Podcast." The podcast is about encouraging, inspiring and transforming. He and his wife, Barbara Wess Smith, a retired teacher with the Durham



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 William Booth received his Bachelor's in Business from the University of Management and Technology, Arlington, VA. Rev. Booth loves the word of God, and he loves rightly dividing the word. As a result, he completed the requirements for a Master's Degree in Divinity from Shaw University, graduating in May 2016. He was ordained on January 8, 2017. He was First Calvary Baptist Church's 2016 "Man of the Year." He is the on-call Chaplain for Accelerating Men, a program designed to educate, train, and cultivate young men ages 10-18. Rev. Booth conducts workshops for the Christian Education Department of the North Carolina General Baptist and the American The Lord has called him to teach, counsel, and build up the Kingdom through missionary work. Rev. Booth has a heart for people, and his goal is to share God's word and invite the unsaved opportunity to be saved and to remind those who are saved that we can trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not to our understanding. Rev. Booth is married to the beautiful Deborah Booth. They have celebrated their 34th anniversary and have two

children, Kellie Booth Wright (Brentley) and William Booth II (Lacey). They have three grandsons, Jaden, Justice Wright, and William III.



Rev. Dr. Michael Page is pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. He is a community leader and was appointed director of External Affairs for North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in 2019. He is a former County Commissioner of Durham County and a native of Nelson County Virginia. He serves on the Capital Gains Committee of East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association.



Rev. Dr. Johnnie M. Bethea was born on May 13, 1958. He attended elementary, middle and high school in Fairmont, NC. He graduated from Fairmont High School in 1976. After high school he attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC majoring in Mechanical Engineering. On June 4, 1983 Rev. Bethea married the former Merion Barnes. God blessed their union with two sons, Jonathan Rion Bethea and Jamison Matthew Bethea. Two daughters-in-love Tyra Bethea and Tolulope Akinyemi. Two Grandchildren Minnie Samantha and Jamison Matthew II (Minnie & Mason). After joining Henderson Grove, Rev. Bethea got involved wherever a need arose. He attended Bible Study and Sunday School. He joined the Gospel Chorus and Male Chorus. He became a trustee, Superintendent of the Sunday School, As-

sistant Treasurer and later became a Deacon of the church. God soon called this quiet spoken gentleman into the ministry. He was ordained by the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association in 1998. Over the years he has served on various Grove has grown physically and spiritually. As the membership grew it became necessary to construct a new sanctuary. With much prayer and hard work God blessed us to move into our new sanctuary on the first Sunday in April 2014. To God be the glory for the great things He has done. In 2000, he was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters Honorary Degree by the Apex School of Theology.

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Dr. Lafayette Maxwell is Pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist, Apex, North Carolina. He is a professor at Shaw University Divinity School and Dean of College of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention. Dr. Maxwell is the Dean and Christian Education Chairman of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association.



Rev. Dr. Mikael Broadway was a member of the Strategy Team and Clergy Caucus of Durham Can. He is a former Associate Minister of Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. He received his undergraduate degree from Baylor University in Religion, an MDiv from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and His Ph.D. from Duke University.

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