CONSOLIDATED MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ARKANSAS



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The Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas Office of the President

Dr. D. L. Richardson, President

To the Pastors, Churches, District Associations, and Constituents of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas:

Grace and peace be unto you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we approach another significant milestone in the life of our Convention, I am pleased to extend this official invitation for you to join us in our 156th Annual Session of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas. This historic gathering will be held at First Baptist Church, 2015 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas, where I have the honor of serving as Pastor. Reservations can be made at the Wyndham Riverfront, North Little Rock, AR, 501-371-9000.

This year's session promises to be a time of spiritual renewal, unity, and purposeful engagement as we continue to strengthen our fellowship and advance the Kingdom agenda. I encourage every pastor, church, district, auxiliary, and ministry partner to make every preparation to attend and participate in this great convocation.

Please take note of the following highlights of our Annual Session:

- Musical Celebration Sunday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

 An inspiring evening of praise and worship to open our week in joyful celebration under the leadership of President Douglas A. Jones.
- Morning Breakout Sessions Monday and Tuesday, November 10-11, 9:00–10:20 a.m.
 Engaging and informative sessions designed to equip and empower pastors, leaders, and members for effective ministry.
- Opening Session Monday, November 10, 10:30 a.m.
 A time of fellowship, reports, and reflection as we begin our official proceedings.
- Women's President's Annual Address Tuesday, November 11
 Join us as President Billings shares her annual message of inspiration and ministry focus.
- Laymen's President's Annual Address Tuesday, November 11, 10:30 a.m. A word of encouragement and challenge from President Lonnie Williams.
- Usher's and Nurse's Fellowship Banquet Tuesday, November 11, 12:00 p.m.
 A time to appreciate and encourage Deacon Billy Brooks and our faith servants.
- Convention President's Annual Address Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.
 I am humbled to deliver the President's Annual Address as we seek to move forward in faith, unity, and service as we focus on "The Church: Busy About God's Business Through Celebratory Worship."

This gathering serves not only as a time of worship, fellowship, and inspiration but also as an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to kingdom work across the state. One of the most pressing and pivotal initiatives we will support during this session is our beloved **Arkansas Baptist College**. As such, I am asking each church in our Convention to bring a special **Kingdom Offering of \$1,000 or your best gift** to be given during the **Tuesday night worship service**. This offering will go directly toward strengthening and sustaining our legacy institution in its mission to educate and empower future Christian leaders.

Your presence will add strength to our fellowship and encouragement to our mission. Let us come together in a spirit of worship, wisdom, and work—renewing our commitment to the cause of Christ and the future of our Convention.

I look forward to welcoming you to North Little Rock for this historic 156th Annual Session. Let us gather with expectation, serve with excellence, and worship with joy!

With gratitude and expectation,

Dr. D.L. Richardson, President

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