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CONSOLIDATED MISSIONARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ARKANSAS ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR 150th ANNUAL SESSION AND SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Little Rock, AR - Plans are currently underway for the "Sesquicentennial" Celebration of The Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, Inc. (CMBSC). The celebration will take place in Little Rock <u>November 10 - November 13, 2019</u> during the week of the CMBSC 150th "Annual Session" being held at St. John Baptist Church. The week has been set aside to mark 150 years of Christian Education and Service to more than 400 Black churches and associations in Arkansas.

The Anniversary Celebration will begin Sunday, November 10th at Greater Second Baptist Church-Geyer Springs, with a *"Celebratory Musical"* featuring a 250-Voice Statewide Choir. Special guests include Stellar Award winner and Dove nominated recording artist Maurette Brown Clark, renown for her gospel hits *"One God"* and *"/ Just Want to Praise You,"* along with national gospel recording artist Zacardi Cortez, featuring his hit recordings, *"Oh How I Love You" and "You Don't Know."* On Monday, November 11th, gospel recording artists, the Racy Brothers of Dumas, AR will headline the "150th Sesquicentennial Banquet" to be held at the Little Rock Embassy Suites. As part of the banquet activities, the Women's Auxiliary of the Convention will sponsor the *Lillie B. Haynes Scholarship* fundraiser with proceeds benefiting Arkansas Baptist College.

Under the leadership of Convention President Dr. C. Dennis Edwards, the CMBSC will host its 150th *"Annual Session"* with meetings and services throughout the week; featuring District Moderators, Ministers and guests from its twenty (20) participating districts throughout the state. The week will conclude with a Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, November 13th at St. John Baptist Church, 2501 S. Main Street in Little Rock.

Established in 1869, the CMBSC is the collaboration and association of Missionary Baptist Churches in Arkansas. The Convention provides an avenue for Christian Missions, Education, Evangelism and Benevolence for its members. As the sponsoring body and supporter of Arkansas Baptist College, CMBSC supports the College financially through direct contributions, scholarship donations and other gifts; including donations in the form of clothing, toiletries, and food items to its students.

The Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, Inc. is a 501 (c)3 tax-exempt organization. For more information or Event Tickets, visit <u>www.cmbsc29.org</u>, call the Convention Headquarters at 501-313-5269, or visit the office at 1621 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, LR, AR 72202.

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