

## 123<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc.

*Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney, President*

**April 22 - 26, 2024**

**Old West Enrichment Center - 2344 Lake Bradford Road - Tallahassee 32310 – 850-575-0470**

Housing:

Holiday Inn Tallahassee E, Capitol-Univ  
2003 Apalachee Parkway, 32301  
850-792-8300

Hosted by: Mt. Zion West FL/AL/LA P. B. Association

Elder Ernest Williams, *Moderator*  
Deaconess Carolyn McCray, *President*  
*Women's Congress*

***Pre-Registration encouraged before the March 1 deadline***

***Registration forms available at [floridastatepbc.org](http://floridastatepbc.org)***



Greetings, Beloved Saints of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention

On behalf of my wife, **Elect Lady Dr. Teri Burney**, and I, we are truly elated to greet and welcome you to this upcoming 123<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention to be held in Tallahassee at the Old West Enrichment Center April 22 – 26. I pray your presence and involvement in this Convention will be a wonderful experience as it has been in the past 122 years. We are grateful to **Elder Ernest Williams, Moderator of the Mount Zion West Florida/Alabama/Louisiana Primitive Baptist Association and the Association's delegation** for a job well done in coordinating, planning and hosting a Convention that is clearly being organized in the spirit of unity, love and excellence.

This year has been a blessed year, yet filled with many challenges, but God has truly been faithful to this **Blessed Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention**. Psalm 34:19 says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

It gives me great joy to inform you that **Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Inc.**, one of our most viable assets, is still open and continuing to provide housing and employment to the people in the Big Bend area. To God Be the Glory!

I am thankful to God for those who work tirelessly behind the scenes in organizing this Convention. I thank them for their expertise and willingness to go the extra mile to make this Convention a great success all year long.

This year we will experience God's Word taken from the theme "**Preparing for Greater**", **Jeremiah 29:11**. It is again my prayer that the teachings and worship experiences you receive will not only bless you, but bless others in such a way that you will go back home inspired to bring change in and outside the church.

I pray for your safe travel to and from the Convention and I look forward to seeing you soon in Tallahassee.

I'm requesting that you join me in prayer and fasting for our upcoming Convention and Miracle Hill. Remember, "We do it better when we do it together!"

***-- Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney, 8<sup>th</sup> President***

### General Convention Leadership elected April 2023



Left to Right: Elders Michael Israel, Assistant Recording Secretary; James Chester, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Chris A. Burney, President; Ernest Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Terry Price, Bible Expositor; Deacon Lorenzo Alexander, Treasurer. Not pictured are: Elders Fredrick Smith, Secretary; Al Ware, Financial Secretary; Kenton Floyd, Assistant Financial Secretary

**123<sup>rd</sup> Session – DAILY AGENDA, At-A-Glance**  
**Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc.**  
*Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney, General President*

Vendors - Available Each Day: 8:00 a.m. - Downstairs - .....Clinton H. Smith Fellowship Annex

**MONDAY – April 22, 2024**

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ....Miracle Village Board  
*Holiday Inn Tallahassee East (Oak Room) 2003 Apalachee Parkway*

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. .... Miracle Hill Board of Directors  
*Holiday Inn Tallahassee East (Oak Room) 2003 Apalachee Parkway*

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. .... Break**

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. .... Women Congress Cabinet Meeting  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

**4:30 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. .... Break**

4:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. .... Pre-Registration Materials Pickup  
*Old West Enrichment Center Finance Room Inside Sanctuary*

5:00 p.m. .... Scholarship Committee  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

5:00 p.m. .... Health and Wellness  
*Old West Enrichment Center Front Foyer*

**5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. .... Break**

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. .... Welcome Reception  
*Old West Enrichment Center Downstairs – Clinton H. Smith Annex Fellowship Hall*

**6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. .... Break**

7:00 p.m. .... Welcome Program  
*Host Association - Mt. Zion West Florida/Alabama/Louisiana  
 Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

**TUESDAY – April 23, 2024**

8:00 a.m. .... Registration  
*Finance Room Inside Sanctuary*

9:00 a.m. .... Health and Wellness  
*Old West Enrichment Center Foyer*

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. .... Church School Congress General Assembly  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. .... Church School Congress Classes  
*See Official Program for Rooms*

10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. .... Church School Congress General Assembly  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

**11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. .... Break**

11:30 a.m. .... Official Opening (Session Call to Order) .....Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

**11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. .... Break**

11:35 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. .... Church School Congress Worship  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Dr. Robert Lovelace, *New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Molino*  
 Alternate – Elder Lee Harris, *Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Jacksonville*

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. .... Church School Staff Luncheon  
*Old West Enrichment Center – Clinton H. Smith Annex Fellowship Hall*

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. .... Church School Congress Workshop  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. .... Departments First Session  
 (Women’s Congress, Laymen Congress, Ushers Congress) ... *See Program for Rooms*

**5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. .... Break**

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. .... Ushers’ Annual Worship Service  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Fredrick Smith, *Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Milton*  
 Alternate – Elder Juan Youman, *Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee*

**6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. .... Break**

7:15 P.M. .... Introductory Worship  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Moderator Ernest Williams, III – *Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Kaplan, LA*  
 Alternate – Elder James White, *Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Pensacola*

**WEDNESDAY – April 24, 2024**

8:00 a.m. .... Registration  
*Finance Room - Inside Sanctuary*

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. .... Church School Congress  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. .... Health and Wellness  
*Old West Enrichment Center Foyer*

**WEDNESDAY CONTINUED**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. .... General Session ..... Call to Order; Bible Exposition  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. .... Joint Session ..... State of the Convention  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... Memorial Observance  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Tribute - 10 min. - Elder E.J Williams, – *Old Springhill Primitive Baptist Church, Brewton; AL*  
 Alternate – Elder Drodney Williams – *Zion Orthodox Primitive Baptist Church, Cocoa*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. .... Educational Worship  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Anthony Bassett, *Freewill Primitive Baptist Church, Pensacola*  
 Alternate – Elder Kenton R. Floyd – *St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee*

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. .... Scholarship Luncheon  
*Jacob Chapel Baptist Church (across the street)*

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. .... Break**

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. .... Evangelistic Worship Service  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon - Elder Lowarn Dixon, *New Rising Star Primitive Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL*  
 Alternate – Elder Michael Monfiston, *Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Vero Beach*

**6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. .... Break**

7:15 P.M ..... President’s Annual Address  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney, *Greater St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee*  
 Alternate – Elder Dr. James H. Chester, *Orthodox Zion Primitive Baptist Church, W. Palm Beach*

**THURSDAY – April 24, 2024**

8:00 a.m. .... Registration  
*Finance Room - Inside Sanctuary*

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. .... Church School Congress  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. .... Health and Wellness  
*Old West Enrichment Center Foyer*

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. .... General Session ..... Bible Exposition  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. .... Parent Body, Women’s Congress, Ushers Congress, State Choir  
*See Official Program for Rooms*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. .... Laymen’s Annual Worship Service  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Fredrick Moultrie, *Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Pensacola*  
 Alternate – Elder C. J Haynes, *New Salem Primitive Baptist, Sanford*

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. .... Host Association Auxiliary Luncheons and Business Sessions

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Parent Body, Women’s Congress, Ushers Congress, State Choir  
*See Official Program for Rooms*

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. .... Break**

7:00 p.m. .... Communion Service  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Dr. Edward T. Hayes, *Bethlehem Primitive Baptist, Milton*  
 Alternate –Elder Steve Chaney, *Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church P. B. Church, Warrington*

**FRIDAY – April 24, 2024**

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. .... Mother Emma R. Tyler Prayer/Recognition Breakfast  
*Old West Enrichment Center Fellowship Hall*

8:30 a.m. .... Registration  
*Finance Room – Inside Sanctuary*

8:30 a.m. .... Health and Wellness  
*Old West Enrichment Center Foyer*

**8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. .... Break**

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. .... General Session ..... Bible Exposition  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*

**9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. .... Break**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. .... Election of All Officers - Parent Body, Women Congress  
*See Program for Room Assignments*

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. .... Women Congress Annual Worship and Close of Convention  
*Old West Enrichment Center Sanctuary*  
 Sermon – Elder Brandon Mason, *Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Pensacola*  
 Alternate – Elder Dr. Dale Harrison, *New Hickory Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee*

Financial Secretary Update ..... Elder A. L. Ware, Financial Secretary  
 Conclusion of Session ..... Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney  
 Closing Prayer  
 Lunch



# Highlights of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Session

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention was held April 17-21, 2022, in Tallahassee at the Old West Enrichment Center. North Central Florida Primitive Baptist Association, Elder Michael T. Israel, Moderator, served as host.

The week opened on Monday evening with an elegant reception for all Conventioneers hosted by Interim President Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney.

The Old West Florida Association's Hospitality Committee, under the direction of Mother Diane Johnson, Committee Chairman served as host for the reception.

North Central Moderator Michael T. Israel, presided over the program that included Invocation by Vice Moderator Rodney T. Osborne; Blessing of the Food by Church School President Clem Robinson; and Remarks from each of the North Central Auxiliary Presidents: Mothers and Deaconess – Mother Betty Battle, Ministers' Wives/Widows – Mother Lorraine Whitaker, Ushers – Brother John Ingram, Choir – Mother Corrine McNair, Laymen – Deacon George Simmons and Remarks by Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney.



After dining and fellowshiping, conventioneers moved upstairs to the sanctuary for the Opening Program. The Opening Program included greetings from several religious/government/community/school leaders; a sermon, "Testing" by Elder Willie L. Manning, Pastor at Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee, with song service by the Spring Hill Choir.

Throughout the week, there were inspiring, enriching, and motivating Church School classes, sermons, and discussions based on the theme, "Standing on His Promise" – Isaiah 41:10.

On Wednesday, each Women's Congress auxiliary hosted a special luncheon at various locations throughout the City. During the Lillian Brantley Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, one \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Amaya Waymon, a senior at Rickards High School, Tallahassee and member at Greater Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee (Old West Florida). Two former scholarship winners were speakers: Mr. Cyrus Calhoun, New Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee; and Mr. Dexter Hogan, Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee.

In lieu of Queen Contestants, each auxiliary was asked to make a contribution of at least \$500 to the Scholarship Fund. Donations were reported as follows: Ministers' Wives/Widows - \$962; Mothers/Deaconesses - \$875; Laymen - \$730; Women of the Church - \$600; Matrons - \$565; Choir - \$515.

The Convention Awards were presented during the Mother Emma Tyler Prayer/Recognition Breakfast on Friday morning. The award recipients were: Moses G. Miles (Elder) – Elder Al Ware, Pastor, New Shiloh, St. Petersburg; Lillian Brantley (Woman) – Mother Sharon Wilson, Secretary for the Ministers' Wives/Widows Auxiliary and member at Mt. Moriah, Fort Pierce; Tommie C. Daniels (Layman) – Deacon Gregory Floyd, Past President for the Laymen's Council and member at Jerusalem, Miami; James Tookes (Servant) – Deacon George Simmons, member at Friendship, Cocoa. The Women's Congress President's Award was given to Mother Connie Davis, Congress Financial Secretary and member at Saint Matthew, Tallahassee.



Sermons during the week were delivered by Elder Dr. Clem Robinson, pastor, Macedonia, Jacksonville; Elder Dr. B. R. Fulton, pastor, Greater Mount Moriah, Tampa; Elder Michael Israel, moderator, North Central Florida Association and pastor at Mount Zion, Palatka; Elder Lemon Nixon, pastor, Saint Joseph, Palatka; Elder Dr. Michael Wilcox, pastor, Macedonia, Jacksonville; Elder Christopher Whitehead, pastor, Mount Olive, Gainesville; Elder William Brown, pastor, New Zion, Sanford; Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney, Interim President and pastor at Greater Saint Mark, Tallahassee; Elder Rodney T. Osborne, pastor, Friendship, Cocoa; Elder Alvin Ford, New Zion, Tallahassee.

Presidential addresses were given by Interim President Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney; Sister Minnie Likely, Women's Congress; Deacon Verdree Patterson, Laymen's Council; Elder Connell Leonard, Church School Congress; and Sister Velinda Ann Cofield, Ushers Congress.

The Women's Congress Outreach was presented to Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Program (PBIS) at Bond Elementary School. PBIS Rewards makes it easy to continuously recognize students for meeting behavior expectations from anywhere in the school, not just in the classroom.



Monday – Welcome Reception and Opening Program





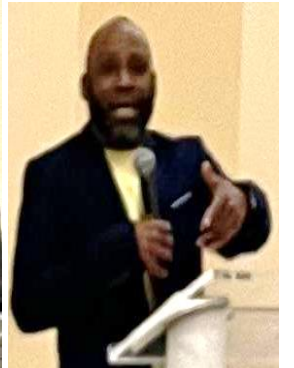
**Tuesday – Church School Opening Session, Workshop; Wednesday – Opening Session, Bible Exposition, State of Convention. Memorial, Department Meetings, Auxiliary Lunches**



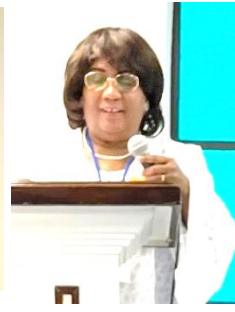
**Thursday – Laymen’s Worship and President’s Hour, Scholarship Luncheon; Friday – Prayer Breakfast, Women’s Day**



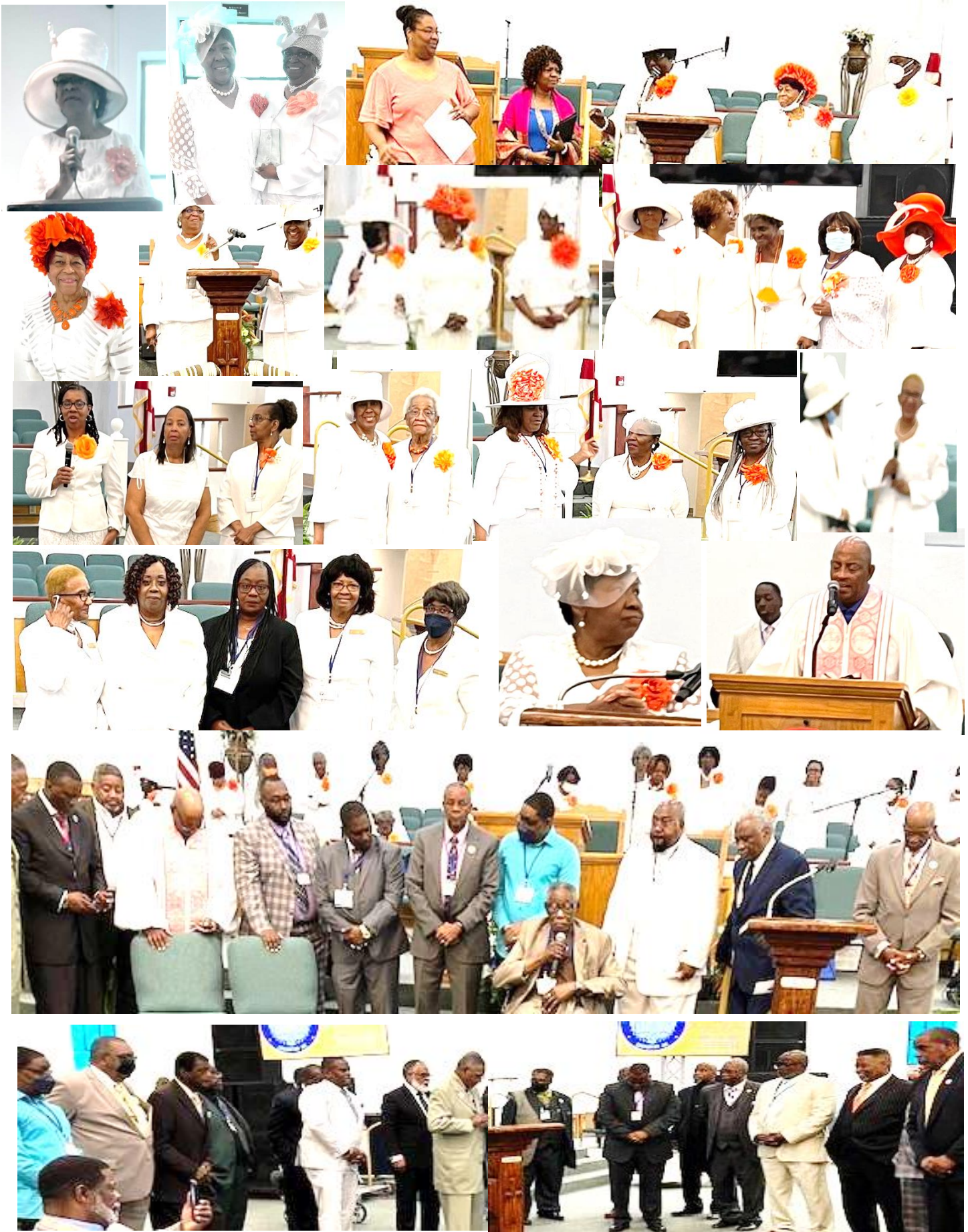




Friday – Prayer/Recognition Breakfast, Women’s Day, Women’s Congress Outreach, Convention Closing







# Save the Dates

**April 26 – 27, 2024 - Tallahassee**

Friday evening; Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Youth and Young Adults; Congress Organization**

Details Coming Soon



# From the Departments...

## Laymen Congress



Happy New Year to each of you. God has allowed us to see another year. Thank you to all the Laymen who attended the One Day Session at Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL. The glory of the Lord blessed us abundantly. He is greatly to be praised!

Our Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention will be held in Tallahassee, FL. April 22-26, 2024. I am looking forward to seeing all Laymen. We are expecting wonderful things through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pre-registration is available until March 1, 2024. May God continue to bless each of you.

*Deacon Verdree Patterson, President*

## Choir



Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ.

I bring you greetings from the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention Choir. We are excited about this year's Convention, and we have already started preparing to minister to you through songs.

We are always looking for a few good men and women to join us. If you are interested, reach out to me at [tj200032303@yahoo.com](mailto:tj200032303@yahoo.com) or 850-661-3492.

Be Blessed,

*Mother Twanna Jackson, President*

## Health and Wellness



Our main mission is to provide up-to-date and pertinent information to inform our families associated with our church's:

- Essential needs to be ready to assist whenever there is a medical first-aid emergency.
- Provide medical attention by a trained assistant, until a doctor or trained medical personnel can provide the necessary medical services required to support the medical needs and render care to individuals in need of immediate medical attention.

We are planning to supply “**Mini Medical Information Handouts**” and provide “**Emergency Assistance**” on an as-needed basis. Additionally, emergency contact information will be required to be maintained on individuals in the event of a medical emergency, so the necessary contacts can be informed.

*Mother Helena T. Anderson, President*

## Youth and Young Adult Congress



**Minister Isaiah Telusca**  
President  
*Greater Saint Mark*  
*Tallahassee*

My primary goal is to inspire, encourage, and uplift the youth and young adults in our State.

With divine guidance, I aim to cultivate an environment where we can come together to worship, engage in enlightening conversations with esteemed ministry leaders, and equip ourselves for the path ahead.

Most importantly, we will do all of this while enjoying the journey, serving the Savior, and having FUN! I look forward to serving with the youth and young adults throughout Florida.



**Minister Camaron Houston**  
Vice President  
*Shady Grove #1*  
*Tallahassee*

I am looking forward to working alongside Minister Isaiah Telusca, our State Youth and Young Adult Congress President, as we work diligently to revive and restore our Youth and Young Adult Congress.

It is our goal to also assist in restoring the connection between the youth and Christ; as we worship Christ, build our individual selves, strengthen our spiritual foundations and mindsets, and increase our faith, altogether as one body in Christ.

# Women's Congress



It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that the Florida State Primitive Convention's Women Congress continues the work that has been assigned to it by District Congresses across the State of Florida. We are thankful to the Primitive Baptist sisters who continue to show their support of the ideals and ideas of the State Primitive Baptist Church through in-person participations, virtual attendance, and verbal support of the goals and objectives that were set during the previous sessions. Our 122<sup>nd</sup> session encouraged us to band together and begin preparing for greater as we convene for the Convention's 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session from April 22, 2024, through April 26, 2024, in Tallahassee.

An appeal is being extended to all Primitive Baptist men and women to make a special effort to support our auxiliary queens to raise funds that will help graduating youth enter and pursue a career through college/vocational training. We are looking forward to crowning one of these beautiful sisters as our 2024 Florida State Primitive Baptist Queen. The following are **2024 QUEEN CONTESTANTS**: **Ministers' Wives/Widows**—Mother Chilaïne Osborne  
**Mothers/Deaconesses** – Mother Sharon Polite  
**Matrons**— Sister Dominique Moore  
**Women of the Church**—Sister Elaine Diaz  
**Choir**—Mother Twanna Jackson

To assist the Women's Congress and its Auxiliaries in having a productive session in April the following daily information is being provided:

## **Monday, April 22, 2024 – Women's Congress Cabinet Meeting - 3:30 p.m. – 4: 30 p.m.**

Host District Welcome Reception - **5:30 p.m.**

Host District Welcome Program - **7:00 p.m.**

## **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – First Business Session - 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Committees Reporting from – Education, Necrology, Membership, Temperance, Preliminary Coronation; Echoes from District Congress Presidents; Introduction of Queen Contestants

**Ushers Annual Worship Service -5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.**

## **Wednesday, April 24, 2024 - (Auxiliary Colors) Queen Contest monies must be reported to Women's Congress Financial Team between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. today.**

### **ANNUAL LILLIAN J. BRANTLEY SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON & QUEEN CORONATION 1:30 p.m. – 3:00**

## **Second Session of Women's Congress - 3:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Reading of Cabinet Minutes; Recognition/Orientation of First-Time Women's Congress Attendees; Committee Reports from Retreat, Outreach & Program; Auxiliary Meetings

## **Thursday, April 25, 2024 - Third Session of Women's Congress - 10:45 a.m-12 Noon**

(White Attire with Orange Corsage)

### **WOMEN'S CONGRESS PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS**

\$25 Scholarship March; Committee Reports: Scholarship and Prayer Breakfast

### **Auxiliaries' Luncheons and Business Meetings - 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

## **Friday, April 26, 2024 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – (Orange Attire with White Corsage)**

### **MOTHER EMMA R. TYLER PRAYER/RECOGNITION BREAKFAST**

Ushers' Congress and Choir, In Charge

## **Fourth Session of Women's Congress - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Coronation Committee Report, Financial Summary, Reading of Minutes, Elections, Adjournment

## **Women's Congress Annual Worship Service and Close of Convention - 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m**

Devotion: District Women Congress Presidents

Offering: Auxiliary Presidents; **Sermon: Elder Brandon Mason, Pastor - Zion Hope, Pensacola**

As we pack our bags and say our prayers, let us remember Jeremiah 29:11- "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." So, we, the saints of God, should in all things and always prepare ourselves for greater works in the Kingdom of God ✨

*Mother Minnie Likely, President*

**"Preparing for Greater" – Jeremiah 29:11**



# From the Districts...

## North Central Florida

North Central Florida (NCF) District Primitive Baptist Association held its 34<sup>th</sup> Church School Convention June 13-16, 2023, at Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Sanford, Elder William Brown, Pastor,

**Officers elected for 2023-2024:**

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| President. . . . . Eld. Clem Robinson                    | Financial Secretary ... Dea. Robert Green, Jr. |
| Vice President. . . . . Eld. William Brown               | Asst. Financial Secretary ..                   |
| Recording Secretary. . . . . Sis. Shanya Osborne         | Jr. Financial Secretary Bro. Jordan Osborne    |
| Asst. Recording Secretary. . . . . Sis. Kayshawna Greggs | Church School Dean Dea. Izeal Battle           |
| Treasurer. . . . . Sis. Patricia Daniels                 | Jr. Church School Dean Sis. Malia Simmons      |
| Jr. Treasurer. . . . . Sis. Malila Israel                | Bible Sxpositor ..... Eld. Robert Whitaker     |

The Election of Youth Officers was held with the following results:

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| Youth President - Sis. Kayshawna Greggs  | Youth Vice President - Sis. Malia Simmons |
| Youth Secretary - Sis. Destiny Whittaker |   |

North Central Florida held its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Association October 3 – 6, 2023 at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Cocoa, Elder Rodney T. Osborne, Pastor

**Officers elected for 2023-2024 Association 36<sup>th</sup> Session**

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| Moderator – Elder Michael T. Israel             | Treasurer – Deacon Robert Green                 |
| Vice-Moderator – Elder Rodney T. Osborne        | Financial Secretary – Deacon Richard Israel     |
| Recording Secretary – Sister Rutha Williams     | Asst. Financial Secretary – Mother Betty Battle |
| Asst Recording Secretary –                      | Bible Expositor – Elder Robert Whitaker         |
| Corresponding Secretary – Sister Rutha Williams | Church School Dean – Deacon Izeal Battle        |

**Auxiliary Officers:**

**Laymen Council**

- President – Deacon George Simmons
- Vice-President – Deacon Clarence McNair

**Mothers and Deaconesses**

- President – Mother Burnadee Nixon
- Vice President – Mother Margaret Butterfield

**Women Congress**

- President I Mother Lorraine Whittaker
- Vice-President –

**Usher Congress**

- President – Brother John Ingram
- Vice President – Sister Rutha Williams

**Wives and Widows**

- President – Sister Courtney Israel
- Vice-President – Mother Chilaine Osborne



- Submitted by Sister Rutha Williams, North Central Florida Publications Board Member

## Mount Zion West Florida/Alabama/Louisiana



Submitted by Deaconess Carolyn McCray, Mount Zion West FL



# Middle Florida/Georgia



## Middle Florida - Georgia Primitive Baptist Association

Elder Terry Price, Sr, Moderator

Elder Wilbert Austin, Vice Moderator - Elder Dr. Cedric Spradley, 2nd Vice Moderator  
Biblical Teaching ♦ Spiritual Leadership ♦ Evangelism ♦ Church Growth

### Moderator Price Honored with a Western Banquet

*He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

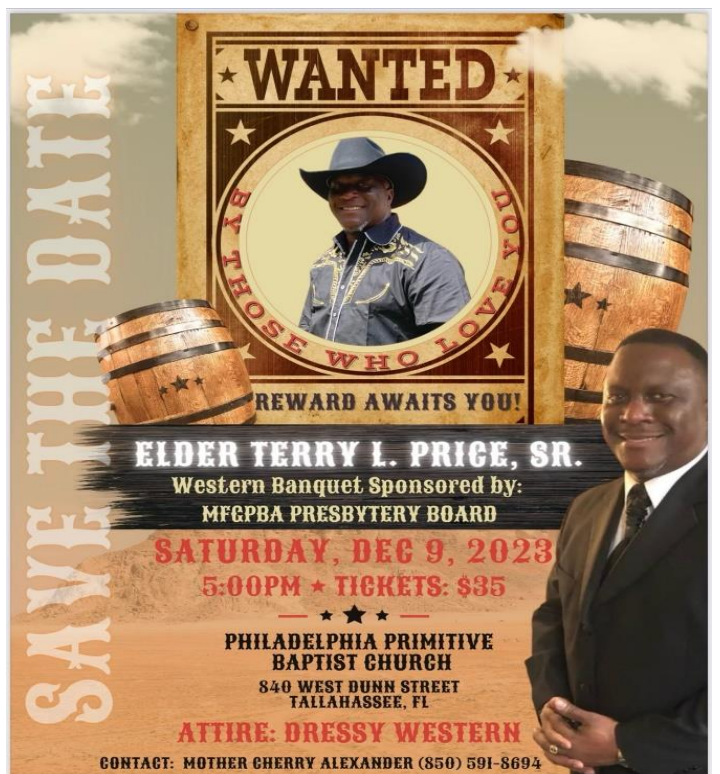
Matthew 10:41

On December 9, 2023, a western themed banquet was held as the red carpet was rolled out to honor our Moderator Elder Terry Price, Sr. The event was the brain child of the members of the Middle Florida - Georgia Primitive Baptist Association Presbytery Board with Elder Charles Colson spearheading. Philadelphia PBC served as the venue for this joyous occasion and was beautifully decorated by Mothers Sandra Ford and Cherry Alexander.

Elder Wilbert Austin served as the Master of Ceremony and he never allowed a dull moment to take up residence in the building. Elder Spradley presented the Occasion for the evening. Special Greetings were presented by Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney, President of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc. Brother Jerrod Holton and *The Price Men* rendered the music for the evening. Members of the Presbytery boldly but respectfully roasted the Moderator, what a time! Tokens of love were presented to Elder and Lady Price by various auxiliaries and individuals. Food, fun, and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

The Program Committee consisted of: Mother Cherry Alexander, Chairperson, Mothers Sandra Ford, Debra Johnson, Patricia Spradley, and Mary Watson.

Mother Patricia Cunningham Spradley  
MFGPBA Communication Liaison



Photos courtesy of Elder & Lady Whitehead



# Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church of Gainesville

Elder Christopher Whitehead, Pastor  
**Celebrates 50 Men In Black Program**



**“In the end, Whitehead said the message he wanted people to take with them is that everything is better when it is done in unity.”**

**-Elder Christopher Whitehead**

[as quoted by Mistie Webb, WCBJ New Reporter taken from WCJB.com]



**Read more on Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church holds ‘50 Men in Black’ program at:**

<https://www.wcjb.com/2024/01/21/mount-olive-primitive-baptist-church-holds-50-men-black-program/>

Mother Patricia Cunningham Spradley  
*MFGPBA Communication Liaison*

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# Old West Florida



**Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Association Sam Mann Leadership Institute Graduating Class – 2023.** The Institute is named after **7th Moderator Sam Mann** whose vision was to create a building so that all Old West churches could worship together under one roof when desired—thus the Old West Enrichment Center. The Institute provides leadership training for men and women in Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Churches. Classes are held two hours each week February – July.

The **Youth and Young Adult Congress**, under the leadership of **Sister Kendra Westley**, president was very active during 2023 with the following activities:

- Assisted in developing theme for 2023 Church School Convention (“Fired Up for Jesus”)
- Hosted Jesus and Me (JAM) session during Church School Convention: Invited speaker (Elder Connell Leonard) enlightened youth about the local Primitive Baptist Association structure.
- Members of the Congress served as wait staff during the state breakfast.
- Vice President Minister Camaron was the featured speaker at the Association Banquet.
- Financial Secretary Corey Houston received the Louis Parker Award for outstanding service to the Congress.
- Congress hosted Youth Day at the Enrichment Center complete with Bible Bingo, awards and refreshments.



Sister Kendra Westley, President; Minister Camaron Houston, Vice-President  
 Sister Morgan Sigler, Recording Secretary; Brother Corey Houston, Financial Secretary  
 Deacon Robert Harris, Advisor; Sister Marquise Spears, Advisor

The **153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Church School Convention** was held June 13-18, 2023 at the Old West Enrichment Center with presidens **Elder Joe Malone, President**, and **Elder LaNorris McFadden, Vice President**. Honorees of the Year, presented at the Banquet, were: **Elder LaNorris McFadden, General Body**, **Mother Carol Williams, Women’s Congress**, and **Sister Camille Spears, Youth Congress**. Pictured below are honorees flanked by Congresses Presidents and Vice Presidents and anchored by Moderator Burney and President Malone.







### Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Association’s Fundraising Guru

**Mother Sharon Polite**, chairman of the Association’s Fundraising Committee, has been successful in initiating and organizing various fundraising projects to support the Association’s Building Fund. These have included: “100 Women in White,” “100 Men in Black,” “Old West Florida’s Honorees,” “Chicken and Fish Dinners,” “Moderator’s Day,” etc.

She enjoys planning and executing these activities while effectively functioning in other assignments, including: Mother at **Greater St. Mark P. B. Church**; Recording Secretary for the Old West Florida Association Women’s Congress and the Florida State P. B. Convention Women’s Congress; and joyful member of her Church, Association, and State Choirs.



**Deacon Ernest Proctor** was recognized at the **2023 Old West Laymen Prayer Breakfast** for his long-time dedicated service to the Laymen Congress. In addition to serving at his church, **Testerina P. B. Church**, he willingly serves wherever he attends.

Upon its opening and several years after, he served as the custodian for the Old West Enrichment Center.

Deacon Proctor has also served for years with the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention Laymen Congress and the National Primitive Baptist Convention Laymen Congress.



**Mother Freddie Davis**  
*Philadelphia. Port St. Joe*



**Singing Mother Betty Jones**, is a member of **St. Stephen P. B. Church** in Gretna, where her belated gospel singing husband **Elder Louis Jones** served as pastor 1977-2006. She enjoys singing and can be seen singing in her church choir, unions, associations, and conventions. Mother Jones is not a biological mother but she is a caring mother to a multitude.

A program of recognition was given in her honor the second Sunday in November, 2023. It appeared to be a regular Sunday church service. However, Mother Jones said she was surprised to see so many people. Especially, her family.

**Lady Shirlean Cloud** said she asked permission to have a program of recognition for Mother Jones because she is so thoughtful to others and **Pastor Harry Cloud** and the membership overwhelmingly approved declaring it “Mother Betty Jones Day.” **Elder David Hogan, Mt. Pleasant P. B. Church, Tallahassee**, delivered the inspirational sermon.

Recently, **Sister Geneva Westley** of **Mt. Pleasant P. B. Church, Tallahassee** and a former Leon County teacher and Florida A&M University professor was recognized with the speaker, Dr. Larry Rivers at a ceremony honoring the founder of the Black Archives and Museum at Florida A&M University.

Sister Westley has played an integral role in preserving not only history of Old West Florida, but churches and individuals of all denominations that were featured in People in the Community Magazine a publication done by **Elder David Gabriel Hogan**. She is currently serving as historian for the Old West Florida P. B. Women’s Congress.



February 10 – 11, 2024, **Elder Johnny Randolph**, celebrated his **25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary** at **Saint Rosa Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee**, with the theme “A Steadfast Servant,” I Corinthians 15:58. The weekend kicked off with an elegant “black and gold” banquet at the Old West Enrichment Center on Saturday evening. His nephew, **Elder Kelvin Randolph**, pastor at **Saint Matthew P. B. Church, Tallahassee**, was the speaker with the title “Kingdom Fishermen.” **Elder Jeffery Rainey**, pastor at **Christian Union Primitive Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama**, delivered the anniversary sermon on Sunday.



*Elder Kelvin Randolph*



*Elder Johnny and Mother Sondra Randolph*



*Elder and Mrs. Jeffery Rainey*



### Tallahassee’s Neighbor of the Year



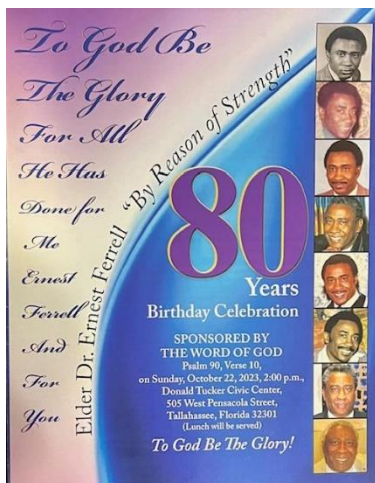
Each year, the Neighborhood Affairs Division of the City of Tallahassee asks neighborhoods in the City to submit applications for various awards including “Neighbor of the Year.” Applications are reviewed by a Committee at the City and awardees are announced during the Annual Awards Ceremony.

**Jerrlyne Jackson, Ph.D.** was submitted by the **Jake Gaither Neighborhood Association** and was selected as the winner. She is a past president and current secretary for the JG Neighborhood Assoc.



**Mother Oretha Anderson**, Old West FL Women’s Congress Past President; Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention Mothers/Deaconesses Aux-iliary President and Women’s Congress First Vice President is currently enjoying her stay at Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and sends a hello to all.

She is sharing a room with **Evangelist Elaine Hackley**, a past Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention Youth Congress Secretary and President.



On Sunday afternoon, October 22, 2023, hundreds of family, friends, church members, and acquaintances gathered in a beautifully decorated room in the Donald Tucker Civic Center to celebrate the **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Elder Dr. Ernest Ferrell**. The theme for the celebration was “By Reason of Strength” – Psalm 90:10.

**Deacon Alfred Dennis** presided over the program that included a special musical presentation of “To God Be The Glory” by **Deaconess Marilyn Hudson** and **Sister Marie Wimberly**, special tribute by **Elder Benji McMiller**, a video interview of Elder Ferrell’s 80 years with **Ms. Shonda Knight**, former WCTV news anchor, and several presentations and tributes.

Guests dined from an elaborate bountiful buffet followed with birthday cake and toast to the honoree. **Mother Mary R. Ferrell**, wife of the honoree, presented him for his remarks of thanks to all in attendance and introductions of several people who traveled from out of town for the celebration.

Elder Ferrell is pastor at **St. Mary P. B. Church – Georgia Street, Tallahassee**; and **Past President of the Florida State and National Primitive Baptist Conventions**.

### Old West Florida Members Share in Unity Day

On September 30, 2023, **Moderator Chris A. Burney** and the **Old West Florida Association Executive Board** hosted a “Unity Day” for all Old West churches and members. Members were asked to come in their church shirts and enjoy free food, fun, and fellowship. **Vice Moderator Kenton Floyd** coordinated and assisted with the cooking of fresh bream and other fish and chicken, which were served with appropriate sides.



Submitted by **Mother Diley H. Hogan**, Old West Florida Publications Board Member