Florida East Coast Congress of Christian Education

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Greetings in the Glorious Name of Him Who Deserves All the Glory.

What a joy divine to once again salute you,

the potential delegates of our 63rd Annual District Congress of Christian Education. As we look forward to our upcoming time together, we will focus on our theme: **"Turning the World Toward God's Love Through Evangelism and Christian Education"**, (Jeremiah 29:11 and Acts 1:8). As we navigate through a period where there is a waning commitment to religious worship and the upholding of Christian principles, the importance of this theme must be the central focus of all that we do.

Moderator Toby Philpart and I desired to have limited "in-person" gatherings for the upcoming sessions, however, after much prayer and consideration we came to a conclusive decision to plan for a virtual congress again this year. FECDC-CE was able to deliver outstanding virtual sessions last year under the expert leadership of Pastor Demetric Ford and Sister Valarie Mays. Since then, many others have called upon them resulting in their ability to expand, improve and take the virtual process to all-time greatness. We are certainly blessed to have Pastor Ford and Sister Mays as our own, and it is our belief that they will again assist the Florida East Coast District Congress in setting an even greater precedence.

Dean, Dr. Joyce Dunlap and I have prayerfully prepared for your participation. The upcoming session is scheduled for **July 19-22, 2021**. It is our prayer that our member churches along with other interested delegates will join in this exciting time of Christian Education. There is something for all areas of your ministries. As our online registration become available, your designated person can log on to fecbaptist.org and register your church which will make enrollment available to your members.

We look forward to an exciting time again this year.

Yours in Christ,
Benjamin H. Parrott Sr.

Florida East Coast Congress of Christian Education

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May 20, 2021

Greetings in the precious name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Virtual District Congress will open on Monday, July 19, 2021 for our official opening.

Our president, Rev. Benjamin H. Parrott along with our moderator, Rev. Toby T. Philpart are both looking for our support and our participation with online learning.

The dean's staff have prepared a host of classes for your educational experience. Also, there will be seminars for our adults as well as classes for our youth and our children. We strive to include something for every generation. Because we anxiously want everyone to have opportunity to attend our congress, we have a minimum registration of $150 per church with no limit on enrollment. No church? No problem! Individual enrollment is only $25 per person. We encourage you to enroll early!

Our theme this year is in line with National Baptist Convention's congress ***"Turning the World Toward God's Love Through Evangelism and Christian Education."***

Please feel free to if there are any questions at 954-257-3272.

Yours in Christ,
Joyce Dunlap

The Certificate of Progress Program (COPP)

Introduction

The Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) was organized at the Sunday School Publishing Board in October 1937. It was designed to produce qualified church leaders.

Objectives

The objectives of the Certificate of Progress Program, which are the same as those introduced by Dr. Talley in 1939, are as follows:

1. To increase the biblical knowledge of the student;
2. To create an understanding of the Baptist faith;
3. To provide an educational structure that will develop candidates qualified for teaching and leadership positions;
4. To provide incentives for the candidates to complete the program, and
5. To produce trained church leaders.

Persons currently enrolled in the COPP are challenged to meet new objectives and to prepare for Christian service.

Policies and Procedures

A person wishing to enter the Certificate of Progress Program must follow specific procedures for enrollment:
The participant will have a dean of record made available to him or her by a Christian leadership school certified dean. The dean of record is responsible for giving guidance throughout the COPP.

Phase Requirements

Classes can be taken in any order within a phase, but each phase should be completed within a five-year period. Phases should be completed in sequential order. Upon completion of Phases 1, 2, and 3, students will receive a certificate for each phase. A COPP diploma will be issued upon completion of Phase 4.

Alternate COPP Fulfillment Requirements

A candidate may be exempted from the COPP by submitting a copy of an official transcript from an accredited Bible college, divinity school, seminary, or school of religion for evaluation.

A candidate with a degree from a liberal arts college - desiring exemption from the COPP must have a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours of courses in religion, Christian education, church history, or theology. Official transcripts should be submitted for evaluation and approval.

The *Certificate of Progress Program* course offerings per phase are as follows:

There are no electives in the Certificate of Progress Program.

COPP phases should be completed within a five (5) -year period.

PHASE 1 COURSES

1001 Introduction to the Bible
1004 Effective Bible Reading
1007 Survey of the Old Testament
1072 Survey of the New Testament
2011 Baptist Doctrine
6021 Spiritual Formation

PHASE 2 COURSES

1075 The Synoptic Gospels
2007 Christian Stewardship
3008 Theology and History of Christianity
4012 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
7024 Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
9004 Writing Techniques I

One Outside Writing Assignment

PHASE 3 COURSES

1079 Survey of John
1089 Survey of Romans
3007 History of Baptists
7005 Christian Evangelism
7010 Introduction to Discipleship
9005 Writing Techniques II

One Outside Writing Assignment

PHASE 4 COURSES

1112 Survey of Revelation
2015 Foundation of Christian Ethics
6013 Organizing the Church for Christian Education
8035 The African-American Church and Social Justice
8066 Christianity and Contemporary Issues
9024 The Computer in the Life of the Church

One Outside Writing Assignment

Please contact Dr. Ricki Gardner at COPP@fecbaptist.org or any of our deans for more information.

Florida East Coast Congress of Christian Education
Program/Course Offerings 2021

Monday Evening – 6:00 p.m.

Words from our President:	Rev. Benjamin H. Parrott
Oratorical:	Sister Deanne Taylor
What to Expect?	Sister Joyce Dunlap
Sermon:	State Congress President, Dr. Isaac Williams

Tuesday Morning Opening – 9:00 a.m.
Overview (Class starts at 9:30 a.m.) - Teaching to be held – Tuesday thru Thursday

Morning Classes 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1001 Introduction to the Bible – Sister Valerie Brant-Wilson
2011 Baptist Doctrine – Dr. Bentley Thomas
9004/9005 Writing Techniques 1 & 2 – Sister Marilyn Pickens
9024 The Computer in the Life of the Church – Sister Valerie Mays

GAS002 Sharing Your Faith – Rev. Nathaniuel Ward
GAS003 Pastor's Seminar – Dr. D.L. Powell - (Tuesday & Wednesday) – Faithlife presentation

Tuesday:	11:30 a.m. – Sermon: Rev. Dr. Jovan T. Davis
Wednesday:	11:30 a.m. – Black History Service
Thursday:	11:30 a.m. – Sermon: Rev. Wendell H. Paris Jr.

Evening Classes 6:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

1075 Synoptic Gospels – Dr. Venita Timpson
1079 Survey of John – Sister Lynne Leverett
1112 Survey of Revelations – Dr. Ricki Gardner
2007 Christian Stewardship – Dr. Jimmie Bryant
2015 Foundation of Christian Ethics – Dr. W.M. Ramsey
2097 Rethinking Christian Education – Dr. Richard Williams
4012 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit – Dr. Howard Barr
6021 Spiritual Formation – Sister Pauline Scott
7005 Christian Evangelism – Rev. Kenneth Johnson

GAS004 Faith at Work – Rev. Calvin Davis

Tuesday: 8:00 p.m. – Sermon: Rev. Remiel Lockwood
Wednesday: 8:00 p.m. – Dean's Address: Dr. Joyce Dunlap
Thursday: 8:00 p.m. – President's Address: Rev. Benjamin H. Parrott, Sr.

Youth/Children

Young People Department Seminars (Evenings Only)
YAS003 Children General Assembly (Ages 5–12) – Sister Andre Dixon
YAS004 Youth General Assembly (Ages 13–18) – Sister Julie Gilchrist & Sister Johnetta Colson

Registration

$150 per church (unlimited enrollments)
$25 per individual

As a certified school, we work under the auspices of the ***National Baptist Convention - Sunday School Publishing Board, Christian Education Departmen***t. All students must be in class for 10 hours for course credit. To meet the 10-hour course requirement, you will be expected to also attend general assembly with the sermon and workshop offerings.

FEC Congress of Christian Education – 2021
Morning Course/Seminar Offerings: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE INSTRUCTOR	COURSE DESCRIPTION
1001 Phase 1	Introduction to the Bible Sister Valerie Brant-Wilson	Introduce the 66 books of the Bible, it's origin and the important events, periods, and personalities that led to the development of the Bible in its present form.
2011 Phase 1	Baptist Doctrine Dr. Bentley Thomas	Examine with simplicity and clarity the basic teachings of the Baptist faith. Explore each doctrinal position and the basis for each doctrinal position taught in the class.
9004/9005 Phase 2 & 3	Writing Techniques I & II Sister Marilyn Pickens	Focus on the COPP writing requirements for Phase 2 and 3. Emphasis will be placed on the development of skills necessary to complete the writing assignments. Skills that will be necessary will be mastered ranging from paragraph development to thesis driven essays.
9024 Phase 4	The Computer in the Life of the Church Sister Valerie Mays	Train pastors, office workers, Christian educators and others who want to utilize computer technology in the church. Issues in administration, setting up computer labs, tutorials on Bible study, as well as membership record keeping and nurture will be covered in this course.

SEMINAR #	SEMINAR TITLE INSTRUCTOR	SEMINAR DESCRIPTION
GAS002	Sharing Your Faith Rev. Nathaniuel Ward	Learning about faith in action, and how our lives demonstrate faith when we look to God for hope and help. Once learned, how will we share our faith through evangelism and providing the necessary Biblical resources that will equip disciples for successful and effective ministry.

GAS003	Pastor's Seminar Dr. D.L. Powell (Tuesday and Wednesday)	Helping the pastor understand that he is only the under-shepherd; the flock belongs to God. Thus, the level of responsibility, though great is not as burdensome as some may think. Course deals with such issues as scheduling, planning, supervising and developing a division of labor that enables the undershepherd to maximize the gifts of preaching and teaching.

News Flash!

Did God give you the gift of teaching? Before this week is out, please reach out to Dr. Ricki Gardner or any of our deans.

FEC Congress of Christian Education – 2021
Evening Course/Seminar Offerings: 6:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE INSTRUCTOR	COURSE DESCRIPTION
1075 Phase 2	Synoptic Gospels Dr. Venita Timpson	Focus on the Synoptic gospels – Mathew, Mark and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus' ministry.
1079 Phase 3	Survey of John Sister Lynne Leverett	Focus on the 4th gospel and it's uniqueness. Identify the specific features that characterize John's writings from the Synoptic gospels, with emphasis on Jesus Christ.
1112 Phase 4	Survey of Revelations Dr. Ricki Gardner	Explore the book of Revelation, with emphases on authorship, date, theme, and recipients. Discuss the prophetic themes, symbols and interpretations of various revelations.

2007 Phase 2	Christian Stewardship Dr. Jimmie Bryant	Cover the basic tenants of Christian stewardship-time, talent and tithe. Students will begin to understand how to effectively manage their resources through a better understanding of the spiritual principles, practices and contributions of Christian stewardship.
2015 Phase 4	Foundation of Christian Ethics Dr. WM Ramsey	Focus on understanding the philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics. Engage in biblical principles for decision making and conduct for living.
2097	Rethinking Christian Education Dr. Richard Williams	Examine the current trends, methodologies, and practices in Christian education to determine their validity and alliance with the Scriptures.
4012 Phase 2	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit Dr. Howard Barr	Study the person and work of the Holy Spirit. A thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that influence our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. Identify this doctrine of the church with a holistic understanding of salvation, with special emphases on justification, redemption and sanctification.
6021 Phase 1	Spiritual Formation Sister Pauline S. Scott	Enable people to mature in their Christian walks. Focus on the creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults – to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Deliberate on what it means to be Christians.
7005 Phase 3	Christian Evangelism Rev. Kenneth Johnson	Teach the steps in developing a program of evangelism. Discover the appropriate Scriptures to use, and the methods, techniques and media best suited for witnessing to nonbelievers.

SEMINAR #	SEMINAR TITLE INSTRUCTOR	SEMINAR DESCRIPTION
GAS004	Faith at Work Rev. Calvin Davis	Will teach **all the actions that issue out of our living faith**. This includes our relationship with others and all our behavior. Before a certain person was saved, he may have been unkind to others and harsh in many aspects of his behavior.

YAS003	Children General Assembly Ages 5-12 Sister Andre Dixon	
YAS004	Youth General Assembly Ages 13-18 Sister Julie Gilchrist and Sister Johnetta Colson	

Click here to register & enroll at fecbaptist.org/2021Congress