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Greetings:

It is my pleasure and my prayer that we again greet you in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ.

This year, as we approach our upcoming Annual District Congress, we are reminded that all roads lead to the City of Cocoa and the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church the week of July 16th. All our activities, classes and functions will be held live and in person. Please make sure you check our Florida East Coast website for a schedule of activities as well as to complete online registration within the next few days.

Please make note that we have secured for your hospitality the ***Holiday Inn Viera Conference Center*** at a nightly cost of \$149 plus your taxes and is located at 8298 North Wickham Road in Viera, approximately 10 minutes from St. Paul. We do encourage you to make your reservations soon by calling the hotel with the group code of ***FEB (321-779-7177)***. Please click the link to access the hotel:

[FL East Coast Baptist Assoc.](#)

The deadline for reservations is June 23, 2023.

Please feel free to contact me at 954-257-3272 if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Joyce Dunlap

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Dean, Florida East Coast District Congress of Christian Education

**REV. BENJAMIN H. PARROTT, DISTRICT CONGRESS PRESIDENT
SISTER JOYCE DUNLAP, DISTRICT CONGRESS DEAN
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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 or any of our deans for more information.



FEC Congress of Christian Education – 2023
Morning Course/Seminar Offerings: 7:50 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE: ENGAGING IN THE WORK OF EVANGELISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AT CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY
MATTHEW 28:19 AND MATTHEW 5:16

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE INSTRUCTOR	COURSE DESCRIPTION
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.
2023	Creative Ways of Teaching Sister Valerie Brant-Wilson <i>HYBRID CLASS</i>	This course will assist who have a desire to teach in discovering innovative ways to teach will lead to transformed students' lives and in discovering new ways of teaching that will include learning behavior and strategies of student learning and behavior.
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	Christian Evangelism Rev. Kenneth Johnson <i>HYBRID CLASS</i>	Teach the basic 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
GAS001	The Role of the Baptist Church in the Liberation and Empowerment of African Americans Deacon William McGill	Focus on the Civil Rights movement in American and how its contribution to African American equality led to a better way of life and social independence.
GAS002	Black Liberation through Theology (Pastors) Rev. Johnny Barber	Examine theology from the African American train of thought. Discover traditions handed down through the generations' perspective on God.

Morning Young People – *8 a.m. until 4 p.m. – Monday thru Thursday

YAS001	Children's Institute Ages 12 and under	Matthew 28:19; Matthew 5:16 <i>Letting your light shine before others</i>
YAS002	Youth General Assembly Ages 13 and above *8 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. only All young people in this age group must attend General Assembly	

New 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.

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Evening Course/Seminar Offerings: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE INSTRUCTOR	COURSE DESCRIPTION
1007 Phase 1	Survey of the Old Testament Dr. Jimmy Bryant	This course will survey the Old Testament. Included in this survey will be a general overview of the divisions, time periods, places, events, people, and archaeology of the Old Testament.
1079 Phase 3	Survey of the John Sister Lynne Leverett HYBRID CLASS	This course will survey the book of John. Identify the specific the specific features that characterize John’s gospel and distinguish it from the Synoptic Gospels, with emphasis on John’s writings and the ministry of Jesus Christ.
1112 Phase 2	Survey of Revelations Dr. Ricki Gardner HYBRID CLASS	Focus on the Synoptic gospels – Matthew, 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.
2007 Phase 2	Christian Stewardship Sister Angela M. Williams	Cover the basic tenets 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. W.M. Ramsey	Focus on understanding the philosophical approaches to Christian ethics. Engage in biblical principles for decision making and conduct for living.
7010 Phase 3	Introduction to Discipleship Dr. Howard Barr HYBRID CLASS	This course is designed to introduce the believer to the biblical principle of discipleship. The course will examine the character traits of the believers, while looking at the overall examples of Jesus. This course will examine the discipleship methods of Jesus and the difference between discipleship and membership.

9004/9005 Phase 2&3	Writing Techniques 1 & 2 Sister Marilyn Pickens	This course will focus on COPP writing requirements. Emphasis will be placed on the development of the skills necessary to complete the writing requirements of Phase 2 and 3.
8035 Phase 4	The African American Church and Social Justice Dr. Richard Williams <i>HYBRID CLASS</i>	This course investigates the lives, theology, and methods of the great servants of God who dedicated their lives in the struggle for liberation of people. The history of the United States cannot be accurately written without including the role of the African American church in the struggle for the liberation of people. Not enough is known about the lives of men and women who risked their very lives for this cause.

SEMINAR #	SEMINAR TITLE INSTRUCTOR	SEMINAR DESCRIPTION
GAS003	History of the African American Church Rev. Woodrow Jenkins <i>HYBRID CLASS</i>	Focus on the spread of the Christian faith among slaves and the resultant birth of African American Baptist churches in American.

FLORIDA EAST COAST DISTRICT CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reverend Toby T. Philpart, Moderator

Rev. Benjamin H. Parrott, Sr., Congress President

Dr. Joyce Dunlap, Congress Dean



REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

(This worksheet is not to be mailed. It is to be used as a means of organizing your info so can easily register online.)

CHURCH NAME: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

CHURCH PHONE/CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PASTOR'S NAME: _____

PASTOR'S PHONE/PASTOR'S EMAIL: _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT: _____

PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Church Enrollment (\$300.00) \$ _____

Personal Enrollment _____ (\$30.00 each person) \$ _____

Oratorical Donation (\$50.00) \$ _____

Total Money Submitted \$ _____

Are you a COPP Participant _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to enroll in COP Program _____ Yes _____ No

