



District Congress of Christian Education 2025
Host Church: St Paul Missionary Baptist Church
48 SW 10th Ave Delray Beach, FL

At-A-Glance

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

4:30 PM President & Dean's Dinner: Location: St Paul MBC, Delray Beach
7:00 PM Official Opening – District Congress 2025
7:30 PM Annual Sermon: Pastor AL Waddell, Mt Olive MBC, Riviera Beach

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

7:50 AM – 10:00 AM Morning Classes
10:30 AM – 12 Noon General Assembly – Oratorical Presentation
1:50 PM - 4:00 PM Afternoon Classes & Youth Rally Rehearsal
7:00 PM Messenger: Pastor Nathaniel Ward, New Mt Zion, Boynton Beach
Vice President, Congress

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

7:50 AM – 10:00 AM Morning Classes
10:30 AM – 12 Noon General Assembly – Dean's Annual Address
1:50 PM - 4:00 PM Afternoon Classes & Youth Rally Rehearsal
7:00 PM Messenger: Pastor Rod Johnson, Memorial Temple MBC
Vice President, Congress

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

7:50 AM – 10:00 AM Morning Classes
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM Black History Presentation: St Paul Missionary Baptist Church
11:15 AM – 12 Noon Messenger: Reverend Torian Davis, Hilltop MBC, Riviera Beach
Vice President, Congress
1:50 PM - 4:00 PM Afternoon Classes & Youth Rally Rehearsal
7:00 PM President's Annual Address

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

7:50 AM – 10:00 AM Morning Classes
10:30 AM – 12 Noon Doctorial Sermon and Graduation Recognition
Dr. Brett Snowden, FGBCI State Dean
1:50 PM - 3:00 PM Afternoon Classes & Youth Rally Rehearsal
7:00 PM Pageant & Closing of Annual Session

FEC District Congress of Christian Education 2025 Courses
Classes Held At: Village Academy
400 SW 12th Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444

2001 New Members' Orientation

Enable new church members to gain insight and understanding of the Christian faith. Introduce students to the history of their local church and its membership requirements.

2002 Nurturing New Converts

Assist leaders in their responsibility for guiding and instructing new converts. Students will discover the most effective methods to nurture new members in personal Christian growth and development.

2003 The Meaning of the Church

Probe this independent and preliminary course on the doctrine of the church (i.e., its structure, source, service, power, and mission).

2007 Christian Stewardship

Designed to cover the basic tenets of Christian stewardship: time, talent, and tithe. Students will understand how to manage their resources effectively by better understanding Christian stewardship's spiritual principles, practices, and contributions.

2009 Debt-free Living: How to Manage Your Money through the Word

Emphasize money management through the study of the Bible. Discover God's design for money and how to manage it, so that it may best glorify Him.

2011 Baptist Doctrine

Examine the basic teachings of the Baptist faith with simplicity and clarity. Explore each doctrinal position and the basis for each one taught in the class.

2012 The Articles of Faith

Review an introductory study of the Articles of Faith for Baptists, a longtime standard of the church. Students will evaluate each thought, with emphasis placed on biblical support.

2015 Foundation of Christian Ethics

Focus on understanding the philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics. Engage in biblical principles for decision-making and conduct for living.

2022 Teaching Your Teachers How to Teach

This course is designed for pastors, deans, Sunday school superintendents, directors of Christian education, and teachers who want to obtain helpful and creative methods of teaching their staff and students the newest and most innovative communication methods in the classroom setting.

2024 Teaching Discipline to Our Children at Home and Church

Explore ways for church leaders, educators, and parents to help children learn. Parents are an intricate part of the teaching of Christ-like behavior for life.

2037 Developing a Children's Ministry in the Local Church

Explore strategies for developing a children's ministry in the local church. Emphasis is placed on planning and evaluating age-appropriate programs of instruction.

2043 Youth Ministry in the Black Church

Explore ways to assist youth workers in understanding the sociocultural dynamics of African-American adolescents and how to give them an appreciation of their uniqueness. Workers will gain practical insight into teaching them while imparting the importance and influences of Christian education.

2061 Millennials in Ministry

Determine the learning styles of young adult pupils. Learn how to set goals for that age group and identify the materials best suited for their learning styles. Focus on portraying ways and methods to help young adult pupils grow spiritually. Foster their involvement in the life of the local church. Emphasis will be placed on discovering why the older youth often leave the church and what might be done to retain them.

2087 A Christian View toward Homosexuality

Examine the issue of homosexuality from a physical, mental, and spiritual perspective. Discuss and explain the responsibilities of men, the family, and the community relating to sin. Examine what the Bible teaches about human sexuality.

5001 Introduction to Leadership

Introduce students to leadership in the church. They will become familiar with various forms of leadership.

5007 Leading Change

This course will help students identify, develop, and implement skills for leading change and transition in the local church. Biblical leaders such as Moses, David, Paul, and Jesus will be emphasized to determine successful leadership styles for these tasks.

5013 The Layman as a Leader and Steward

Emphasize the role of laymen in the world and their responsibility as men to their God over His creation. Introduce the layman's work in all National Baptist levels of ministry: local, district, state, regional, and national.

7001 Building Healthy Churches

Help leaders in local churches understand the importance of being a healthy church in the community. Study various biblical principles to effectively transform a stagnant ministry into a flourishing congregation.

7003 Methods of Evangelism

Focus on helping the students share their Christian faith using traditional methods and social media. Highlight the church's challenges in reaching the inner city and rural areas. Draw attention to the need to witness to culturally and ethnically diverse groups of people.

8069 Women in Christian Ministry

This course explores the evolving roles of women in Christian ministry, beginning with a survey of traditional roles and examining the diverse ways women serve in the present age. It will encourage respectful discussion and thoughtful study based on Scripture and help students think carefully and faithfully about their calling, service, and place in the church.

9018 Great Hymns of the Church: Their Origin and Meaning

Make available a study on several of the great hymns of the church. The course investigates the history of the words and music and the importance of the story in the song. It will also look at the song's meaning for that day and make applications for it.

All students, instructors, and staff are expected to be at all parent body assemblies.

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ATTENTION CHAPERONS

- ✚ Youth are asked to dress appropriately for classes, rehearsals, and services (e.g., dress slacks/pants, polo shirts, blouses, dresses). ***No cut-off tops exposing the mid-section, sagging pants, tank tops, short shorts, etc.***
- ✚ Chaperons **must** always accompany youth participants on the hotel grounds (e.g., breakfast, swimming pool, walking the grounds, etc.). ***Youth are not permitted to be left or wandering alone at any time.***
- ✚ Chaperones **must** remain with youth participants during classes, rehearsals, and services. ***Participants are not permitted to be dropped off. Please bring additional chaperones (as needed).***
- ✚ It is vital that youth fully participate in their enrolled classes and/or rehearsals. ***Their engagement and participation are essential for successful outcomes.***

Respectfully,

Rev. Dr. Howard B. Barr, Jr., Congress President

Rev. Ricki Gardner, Congress Dean

FECBA Congress of Christian Education 2025
Fairfield Inn & Suites Delray Beach I-95
910 W Atlantic Ave Delray Beach, FL 33444



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[Book your group rate for FECBA Conference](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions or need help with the link. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary: FECBA Conference

Start Date: Sunday, July 20, 2025

End Date: Friday, July 25, 2025

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate: Fairfield Inn & Suites Delray Beach I-95 for 129.00 USD - 149.00 USD per night - **Last Day to Book: Saturday, July 05, 2025**

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General Information:

- ❖ If paying via check, the hotel **must** receive it **2 weeks** before your arrival.
- ❖ If you use your church tax exemption form, it **must be** emailed to Sherry Emmerke at semmerke@shanercorp.com. We also suggest you bring a copy with you.
- ❖ There are no parking fees, and a complimentary breakfast is included with your stay.
- ❖ Reservations can be made and held via credit card. Cards will not be charged until check-in.



Florida East Coast District Congress of Christian Education

Rev Toby T. Philpart, Moderator
Rev Dr. Howard B. Barr, Jr., Congress President
Rev Ricki Gardner, Congress Dean

REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

(This worksheet is not to be mailed. It is to help organize your information for easy online registration)

CHURCH NAME: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

CHURCH PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PASTOR'S NAME: _____

PASTOR'S PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ENROLLMENTS: _____

PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH ENROLLMENT \$300.00 \$ _____

PERSONAL ENROLLMENT _____ X \$30.00 (per person) \$ _____

ORATORICAL DONATION \$50.00 \$ _____

TOTAL MONEY SUBMITTED \$ _____

ARE YOU A COPP PARTICIPANT? _____ YES _____ NO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENROLL IN THE COPP PROGRAM? _____ YES _____ NO

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