

## Honoring Our History

### Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.

One Hundred years ago, a group of devout African American Baptists, realizing that "in unity there is strength," met and organized what is now the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association. The churches were from a wide area extending as far west as Sanford and Deland, running eastward to Daytona Beach and southward to Key West. The Association's main objectives are mission and education.

During the 1904 Annual Session held at Mount Bethel Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, the women marveled at the great work the brothers were doing and requested that they be organized. Their request was granted and the Women's Division was formed.

Due to the vastness of the district, rather than dissension, which is the consensus of opinion, the Association divided. The northern section chose the name of the Mount Zion N.E. Coast, and the southern section was called the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association. Whereas Mount Zion N.E. Coast was to include all of Brevard and Volusia Counties; Mount Bethel, Daytona Beach and Saint Paul, Cocoa, retained their membership in the Florida East Coast.

The strength of the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association has been enhanced by the strength of its leadership and the faithfulness of its member churches. Strong FECBA leadership has been demonstrated by Moderators such as Rev. Dr. W. O. Wells who traveled throughout the East Coast providing training and conducting meetings with church leaders and congregations. Dr. Wells was responsive to the needs of the churches and was designated Moderator Emeritus from 1995-2015.

We are also grateful for the service of Moderator Rev. P. W. Williams who focused on creating a greater spirit of "unity" among the churches. He encouraged the support of Florida Memorial College (now University), with an annual do-

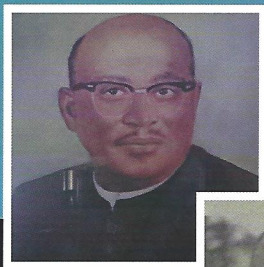
nation of \$10,000. Moderator Williams was a visionary in his time and served the Association with dignity, grace and dedication.

Because of his warm and welcoming personality and his true love for people, Moderator Arthur Jackson, Jr. was a bright light in the FECBA. He worked tirelessly in service to the member churches and was sought out by others who wanted to make a difference in the community. Jackson encouraged churches to address the needs of at risk youth through the One Church, One Child initiative that found adoptive homes for children. In recognition of this mighty man, Rev. Dr. Arthur Jackson, Jr. Blvd. was designated in his honor. Moderator Jackson also served as President of the Florida General Baptist Convention prior to his passing in 2002.

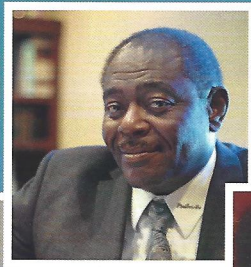
If being Moderator of the FECBA is a sign of future success then Rev. Dr. C. P. Preston is a prime example of this with his recent rise to serve as the current President of the Florida General Baptist Convention. As a highly regarded pastor and visionary leader Preston serves with tenacity and dedication second to none. He is a recognized leader throughout the State of Florida and beyond. Always prepared and ready to make a difference in the lives of others is the hallmark of his ministry and leadership.

As the current Moderator of FECBA, Moderator Johnny L. Barber II, has made a meaningful and resounding mark on the Association. He holds the distinction of being the youngest pastor to be selected to have the leadership of the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association entrusted to him. Barber is a focused, purposeful, and goals driven leader. With his youth comes the wisdom and knowledge to position the FECBA for generations to come. Recognizing the importance of enhanced communications Moderator Barber has lead the effort to create an impressive website, encourage the use of technology among the member churches, as well as devel-

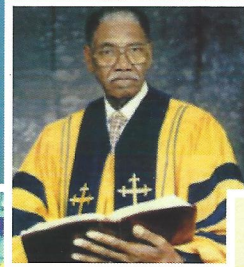




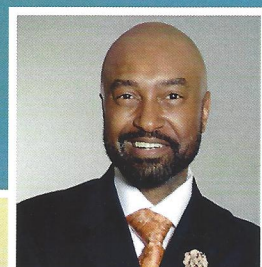
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O. W. Foster



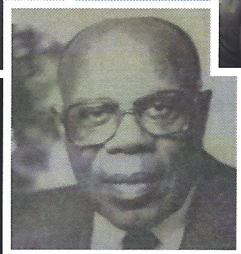
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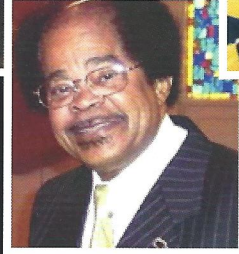
Moderator  
Arthur Jackson, Jr.



Moderator  
Johnny L. Barber II



Moderator  
P. W. Williams



Moderator  
W. O. Wells



Moderator  
I. S. Clark, Jr.

opment of this publication, The Association. With dedicated and committed Moderators throughout its history the FECBA has been and continues to be a respected and impactful resource for churches and the communities they serve. As we reflect on history, the Moderators mentioned here are but a few of those whose service and commitment has positioned this organization to face the ever changing dynamics of our churches, our communities, our country and our world.

Below is an extensive list of Moderators and other leaders who have tremendously blessed the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association by their exemplarily service. We are proud of our rich history and those who have dedicated their lives in service to the Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association.

## Leadership Profile

(\* Denotes President of the Women's Convention)

1903-1904  
1904-1907

Rev. N. T. Hinton, Moderator  
Rev. N. B. Williams,  
Moderator &

1907-1909  
1907-1941

Sis. A. J. Brown, President\*  
Rev. A. L. James, Moderator  
Sis. Sarah McDaniel,  
President\*

1909-1913  
1913-1917  
1917-1934  
1934-1951

Rev. A. J. Brown, Moderator  
Rev. J. T. Brown, Moderator  
Rev. J. N. Stokes, Moderator  
Rev. Drake, Moderator

1941-1971  
1951-1963

1963-1977  
1971-1974

1977-1985

1974-1985  
1985-1995

1995-2002

1995-2003

2002-2003  
2003-2007

2007- 2011

2011-2015

2015-Present

Sis. A. O. Parker, President\*  
Rev. J. H. Dolphus,  
Moderator  
Rev. O. W. Foster, Moderator  
Sis. Doretha Wright,  
President\*  
Rev. P. W. Williams,  
Moderator  
Sis. Elnora Alford, President\*  
Rev. Dr. W. O. Wells,  
Moderator & Sis. Effie Ross,  
President\*  
Rev. Arthur Jackson, Jr.,  
Moderator (passed away on  
8/8/02)  
Sis. Anadel Mickens,  
President\*  
Rev. I. S. Clark, Jr., Moderator  
Rev. C.P Preston. Jr.,  
Moderator &  
Sis. Mary Johnson,  
President\*  
Rev. C. P. Preston. Jr.,  
Moderator &  
Sis. Angelia Shellman,  
President\*  
Rev. Johnny L. Barber, II  
& Sis. Gloria J. Perkins,  
President\*  
Rev. Johnny L. Barber, II  
& Sis. Angela M. Williams,  
President\*