

New Era Hot Topics

New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

"Equipping and Empowering Churches"

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Bishop Dr. Rosa L. Williams
Convention President

Rev. Stanley A. Smith
First Vice President

Rev. Karen Kelley
Second Vice President

Rev. Dr. Antonio Proctor, Sr.
Third Vice President



From the Desk of the President...

Bless You New Era family,

Praying that all of you are safe and sound. Summer is on the way, holidays and vacations are here and we are caught up in the flow. Our Congress of Christian Education is preparing for a great comeback session in July.

The Edward R. Davies Mission Conference scheduled for September 14, 2024 is also in full preparation and New Era served as the Host for the PNBC Southern Region 61st Annual Session that was held in our great city Atlanta, Georgia on June 17-20, 2024.

Our God is able to give us total victory in every event. Let us continue to pray for one another and have a Safe and Healthy Summer. Gods Grace and Favor be with you as we continue to do Kingdom Works, Heart to Heart.

Gripped in His Grace

Bishop Rosa L. Williams,
President

New Era Hosts the Southern Region of PNBC



The 61st Annual Session for the Southern Region of the Progressive National Baptist Convention was held June 17 - 20, 2024 at The Courtland Grand Hotel in Atlanta GA.

Under the leadership of New Era President, Bishop Rosa L. Williams, it was approved for us to Host the event and provide programming for the Welcome Night that took place on Monday evening June 17, 2024. The Host Committee was Chaired by our First Vice President, Rev. Stanley A. Smith and his committee members were: Second Vice President, Rev. Karen Kelley, Third Vice President, Dr. Antonio Proctor, Rev. Eric Thomas, Dr. Arthur Carson, Jr., Sister Chris Glover, and Sister Selethia D. Smith.

Through strategic planning and diligent efforts from the committee members, we were able to provide the following services: **Transportation** for the Dignitaries with round-trip rides for the airport, transportation for the delegates to nearby restaurants and attractions as well as transport church bus drivers to St. Peter MBC to retrieve their vehicles when needed; **Hospitality Tables** with information for the delegates regarding a list of restaurants, attractions, nearby stores and pharmacies as well as hospital and emergency information all with the click of their camera phone by the use of a QR Code; and **Welcome Night Programming** with Bishop Michael A. Strickland Presiding, Rev. Paul M. Harvey, Rev. Eric Thomas and the St. Peter MBC Praise Team, Second Vice President Rev. Karen Kelley gave Greetings on behalf of our Convention, Dr. Arthur Carson, Jr., lead the Offering Appeal and Prayer and Rev. Marques Fletcher introduced the President of PNBC, Rev. David Peoples as the Preacher for the Hour.

On behalf of New Era, we give Special Thanks to everyone involved in this effort to make our hosting a success for the Southern Region during their stay in our beautiful city of Atlanta.

Hospitality Staff: Sister Chris Glover, Sister Dernice Scott, Sister Sally Fuller and Sister Phyllis Woods.

Transportation: VP Rev. Stanley A. Smith (Airport Runs for Dignitaries, Treasurer's Bank trips and Lunch trips), Dr. Arthur Carson, Jr. and the Springfield Missionary Baptist Church Transportation Staff for delegate transports to restaurants and attractions.

City of Atlanta Communications and Dignitary Greetings: Rev. Eric Thomas

Welcome Night Programming: VP Dr. Antonio Proctor

New Era's Official Greetings: VP Rev. Karen Kelley

Assistant to the Chair and Liaison to the Southern Region: Sister Selethia D. Smith

And most certainly, **Presidential Support** from Bishop Rosa L. Williams, without whom it would not have been made possible.

We only heard great remarks from the delegates and officers of the Southern Region regarding the services and programming we provided during their stay.

JOB WELL DONE!

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CONVENTION CENTER NEWS

Selethia D. Smith
New Era Executive Board Chair



In 1995, negotiations between Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Talmadge, Sr., owner of "T's Recreation Area" and the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Ga., Inc. began in regards to 40 plus acres with a building that could accommodate 250 people, a commercial kitchen, a dormitory that could accommodate 42 people, a two acre lake, hiking trails, a swimming pool and other amenities. A site committee was formed with Dr. Cleopatrik Lacy serving as Chair of committee members Dr. John Waters, Sister Rossie Johnson, Rev. Hezekiah Benton, Rev. Hopie Strickland, Jr., Rev. Earl D. Bryant, Rev. James Cantrell, Rev. Adolph Parsons, Sister Barbara Pullin, and Rev. Charles Nesbitt. In 2000, New Era purchased another 49 acres.

Twelve New Era Churches pledged \$1200.00 per year for five years to support the Convention Center. Those churches are: Beluah Baptist Church(Atlanta), Friendship Community Church(College Park), First Baptist Church Fannin Street(LaGrange), Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church(Hapeville), The Greater Solid Rock Baptist Church(Riverdale), Mt. Calvary Baptist Church(Atlanta), Mt. Olive Baptist Church(Stockbridge), Mt. Zion Baptist Church(Griffin), St. James Baptist Church(Forsyth), Second Ebenezer Baptist Church(Savannah), Springfield Baptist Church(Atlanta), West Hunter Street Baptist Church(Atlanta).

Under the leadership of Dr. Douglas E. Stowers, our Convention Center property was paid in full and New Era became the proud owners of the approximately 100 scenic acres which is valued at more than \$1,000,000,000.00 today.

In March 2024 during our Adjourned Session in Forsyth, GA, the report from First VP Rev. Stanley A. Smith and Dea. Lee Kelley introduced information regarding a new construction project to add a Dining Hall with a catering Kitchen to the Main or Multi-purpose building. It was approved by the Executive Board and the Parent Body. Almost immediately, several Pastors gave donations of \$1000.00 to support the project and others made financial pledges to show their support. A Dining Hall is beneficial for the Convention during our meeting dates on the property allowing us to prepare food and eat without disrupting services or other programming that may be taking place in our main building as well as making our property a revenue-generator. There have been several organizations who have and will be gathering on our property this year for a Missions Retreat, a Youth Boys Group outing, our Congress of Christian Education, Church picnics are being planned and we will **GROW** from there!

We expect to receive drawings of the new Dining Hall and Phase I of the plans in the coming weeks. We need your support. You may mail your offering to P O Box 54056, Atlanta GA 30308; use PayPal on our website - www.neweraconvention.org; or the Givelify App and look for our official logo. Please include with your offering a note/memo: **New Construction Project**.

New Era is only as strong as our Convention members and Churches and that means we need each and every one to be an active participant from the beginning of this project to its completion and beyond to maintain and care for our property. Let us walk proudly in the footsteps of the Pastors and Churches who sacrificed to acquire this land for us and future generations of New Era. We are worth investing in ourselves to develop our property for our use and pleasure and for those who would like to have meetings, family reunions, weddings and receptions, picnics or to just have a quiet place to retreat to.

I believe in our Convention and even more, the people in our Convention. New Era, we can do this...together with the guidance and blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

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Meet our New Era Convention of GA, 2024/25 Scholarship Recipient

Endia Lee is a graduate of Eagles Landing High School, Class of 2024. Throughout her high school journey, she demonstrated exceptional dedication and passion for both academics and extracurricular activities. Endia attended The Academy for Advanced Studies where she was a member of DECA which sparked a particular interest in business and marketing. Endia's hard work and determination have earned her a place at Clark Atlanta University, where she will be majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing.

Her commitment to excellence and proactive approach to learning have always set her apart. As she embarks on this exciting new chapter at Clark Atlanta University, she is ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities, aiming to contribute positively to the university, community, and beyond. Endia is the daughter of Mr. Ted and Mrs. Melba Lee of McDonough, GA and the granddaughter of Rev. Dr. E. W. and Mrs. Betty Lee.

Congratulations Miss Endia Lee!



What's Happening in your Church?

Christians for Change Celebrated June 23, 2024



You are invited to celebrate our
29th Church Anniversary
Christians For Change
Baptist Church
2110 Bethsaida Rd,
Riverdale, GA 30296
Rev. Dr. Michael W. Baldwin,
Pastor

Attention All New Era Youth and Young Adult
Directors...

We need you to provide your information for the
Youth and Young Adult Department. We have
some exciting plans for our Department and we
want you to join us!

Contact Rev. Diego Daniels at :
neweraconventiondaniels@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your support and
cooperation.

VBS

We had an blessed week at our VBS
2024. There were an attendance of 100
throughout the week! Thankful for the
success and the souls added to the body
of christ!



Everfaithful Baptist Church VBS

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**The Annual Social Tea
Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Held April 20, 2024 at the 11:00 AM Hour
John Thomas Fellowship Hall
Chris Glover, Reporter**



With the beautiful settings of yellow decorative table accents to the white linen table cloths and the tea settings on each table being of a multi-color splash, brought Springtime into the event with the energy of a garden setting and fellowship fitting this occasion.

The Reverend Africa McCladdie brought us a message from John 4:1, speaking on the subject: "What's in Your Cup?". The subject says it all. It was thought provoking and spiritually uplifting. Everyone was involved with the hat contest and we thoroughly enjoyed the array of food prepared for us by Sister Wanda Walker and staff. The eating was scrumptious.

The Royal Daughters of Dance were also included in the program and they gave an excellent performance.

All was presented at this Social Tea by Sister Valerie B. Hardmon who was great as the Mistress of Ceremony. Mark your calendars for next April to be able to check it out, if you missed this events. This is an annual affair!

RETIREMENT

**Reverend Dr. Douglas E. and Sister Wanda Stowers
April 13, 2024
Gala Affair
Chris Glover, Reporter**



This is what retirement looks like! Congratulations and many blessings on this new chapter of your life. The celebration on this day was a day of gathering many that have been on this journey in one way or another. The fellowship and festive atmosphere set the mood for all the talks, visits, sermons, speaking engagements, guidance and wisdom from these two people over many years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STOWERS on their well-deserved achievement.



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News from Our Regions

CELEBRATING OUR PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY

For the entire month of May we have celebrated the Birthday of our Paster and President, Bishop Rosa L. Williams! We are wishing her many, many, many more BLESSED days and Birthday's!



SOUTHERN REGION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRESIDENT, Bishop Rosa L. Williams!

NEW ERA BAPTIST CONVENTION &
THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENTS:

COME BACK TO CONGRESS

July 22-24, 2024

We are excited to invite you to

CAMP CONGRESS

- * Interactive Classes
- * Fun Games
- * Talent Showcases
- * Arts and Crafts
- * Leadership Development

NEW ERA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CONVENTION OF GA, INC.
CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
JULY 22-24, 2024
GRIFFIN, GA

MINISTERS SESSION

"EFFECTIVE PREACHING"

REV. DR. CRAIG E. WHITE, SR., PRESIDENT
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA BAPTIST MINISTERS UNION

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
"Who Shall Preach?"	"To Whom Shall We Preach?"	"What Shall We Preach?"
MONDAY JULY 22ND	TUESDAY JULY 23RD	WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH

NEW ERA WELCOMES
REV. DR. CRAIG E. WHITE, SR.

SAVE THE DATES
JULY 22-24TH
GRIFFIN, GA

\$75.00
REGISTRATION FOR
ALL THREE DAYS

YOUTH AND YOUNG
ADULT ACTIVITIES
EACH DAY

DON'T MISS IT!



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Be sure to share news and events from your region with us!



MIDDLE REGION

Following a long career of public service and leadership, Rev. Dr. Cleopatrik Lacy announces his retirement as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Griffin. He preached his last sermon in June 2024 and celebrated with a wonderful banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Lacy!

Greater Fellowship Baptist Church Celebrates Its

100th Church Anniversary

MAY 18-19, 2024

CENTENNIAL BANQUET
SATURDAY MAY 18TH @ 6:00 PM
TICKETS: \$50.00

3600 Midway Road *Dacula, GA



Reverend Stanley A. Smith
Pastor



Dr. Darrell Elligan
Guest Preacher for the Banquet



Dr. Clayton E. Taylor
Guest Preacher for Sunday Worship Service

Program Ads are available: \$50 Half Page; \$100 Full Page
Email Ads to: gfbcb1926@gmail.com
by May 10th

www.greaterfellowshipmidway.com

NORTHERN REGION



Secure your hotel room and bus seat \$100.00 deposit due now!

Single-\$900.00

Double-\$600.00

Triple-\$500.00

Quad-\$450.00



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PNBC ANNUAL SESSION

SAVE THE DATE

NEW ORLEANS August 4-8, 2024

Progressive National Baptist Convention
Annual Session

IT'S TIME: to EMEND
The broken walls, and fight for our families,
Nehemiah 4: 1-15

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New Orleans, LA 70113

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Melanie A. Ph.D., Entegim General Secy

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This will be a quarterly newsletter that will be posted on New Era Website. <http://www.neweraconvention.org/> If you have an article, please email it to neweranews01@gmail.com, no later than **9/01** please keep in mind that we have limited space. NO copies will be sent by USPS! The staff welcome all comments as well.

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