



New Era Hot Topics

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From the Desk of the President...

Bless You New Era family,

May the grace of God continue to unfold on us as we enter the fall season. I know He will bring us joy and strength in the challenges that we may be facing as it expands. The beauty of His love will give us the appreciation to take on the challenge of whatever may come. Looking forward to victory as we forge ahead to all upcoming events, including our 63rd Annual Session in Savannah, Georgia. Keep the prayer wheel turning

Gripped in His Grace

Bishop Rosa L. Williams,
President

42nd Edward R. Davie Missions Conference



The Forty Second Annual Edward R. Davie Missions Conference was held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention Center in Griffin, Georgia.

Theme: "Being Fruitful in Every Good Work" Colossians 1:10

The conference had approximately 100 people in attendance and we all enjoyed a light breakfast before getting started. The Deacons led the devotion, everyone lifted their voices as we all sang, "Come and Go to that Land". The ice breakers were very unique using M&M candy, Sister Joyce Davis, Sister Carolyn Price and Brother Jay Davis had the group in a joyful spirit.

The presentations were relevant to everyday life, they truly lifted our spirits and made us search our minds and hearts to what Jesus has called us to do in this life. The topics were: **"Teaching God's Missions in the New Testament"**, presented by Sister Janie Lowe, of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; **"Keep the Faith"**: How to stand strong in a world turned upside down, presented by Sister Irene Williams, Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., **"O Taste and See that the Lord is Good"**, Presented by Sister Valerie Hardmon, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church.

The delight of the entire Missions Conference was Master Dakota White, known as the Dixie Hills Rapper, as he raps the 66 books of the Bible. Little Ms. Chloe' Hawkins also of Dixie Hills Baptist Church did an excellent rendition of "This Little Light of Mine". If you were the lead soprano in your church choir, you could not out do this angel singing.

We were blessed with the Liturgical dance of Ms. Tameka Ward of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, and Little Ms. Kimora Cole of Beulah Baptist Church, who spoke on the Missions Theme, **"What Does Being Fruitful in Every Good Work Mean to Me as a Teenager?"**.

Music was provided by Sister Portia Lacy and another representative of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The Lord God blessed all of us as prayers went up and blessings came down with safe travels to and from the conference with those driving back to Savannah, Augusta and locally.

I truly thank my God for blessing this Forty Second Missions Conference. We do nothing on our own but all for the Glory of God and His righteousness.

I thank all those in attendance: our Convention President, Bishop Rosa Williams, 1st Vice President Rev. Stanley A. Smith, Deacon Lee Kelly, Sister Barbara Morris, Sister Chris Glover, Sister Mary Armour, and all those who helped make this a success.
To God Be The Glory!

Article By: Sister Betty Chandler
Missions Coordinator

NEW ERA CONVENTION CENTER NEWS



Imagine this New Era...this is just one possibility of how our Convention Center can look. Take a second and a third look at it. I see you smiling as you imagine it. The good news is, **this rendering can be a REALITY!**

We need your support and your pledges. With all of us working together, we can get it done the same way we came together to relieve the Convention of the property mortgage and become the proud owners of this valuable piece of God's land that is worth well over \$1,000,000.00! God is truly blessing New Era.

If you are imagining these improvements to our Convention Center and want to be a part of making this OUR reality sooner than later, 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.**

As a reminder, 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 will be very beneficial for us 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. We will also have the possibility of making our property a revenue-generator for the Convention by way of allowing the use of our Center for Conferences, Family Reunions, Fishing Retreats, Church Picnics or Weddings...maybe even mine!

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. Also, please remind your churches to send a monthly financial gift of at least \$50.00 to support the Convention Center's budgetary obligations. Our thanks goes to you in advance for your efforts.

I believe in our Convention and the people in our Convention. Continue to pray for New Era and for each other.

By: Selethia D. Smith
New Era Executive Board Chair

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SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH

Diane E. Dunston, MD, FAAP

September 2024



“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die;” As we prepare for a change in seasons, let us be reminded that God has given us the field of medicine to assist in living a healthy life.

I continue to be discouraged when we, as a people, do not avail ourselves of the preventive medical care available to us. Adults over the age of 50 should have an annual wellness exam. Our babies and young children need frequent examinations and immunization updates. Teenagers and young adults should have wellness examinations at least every two years.

Proper health screenings should be done by your providers of medical care during the routine physicals. Prevention is key, and finding problems early will lead to early intervention and much better outcomes. There is absolutely no reason for African Americans to continue to have such poor healthcare outcomes. We are leaders in death from all cancers, because we are late in seeking medical care and present with advance stages of the disease. Please do not be afraid to go to the doctor. If you are not comfortable seeking medical care, find a physician or healthcare practitioner (nurse practitioner/physician assistant) with whom you can form a comfortable relationship. Please avail yourselves of the prevention tools available.

Take your flu and COVID vaccines this fall, to prevent serious illness from these potentially deadly viruses which are prevalent in the community during the winter months. Remember: eat a healthy diet, exercise, meditate, and ask for proper discernment from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

There is healing in His name, but you must do your part. Amen. Wishing you good health!!!



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YOUTH AMBASSADORS for Christ



Amber Nelms is 16 years old and she is a member of Mount Zion Second Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Addison Canidy is the Pastor. She is active on the youth usher board and serves as president, sings in the choir, and volunteers for Children's Church. Amber attends Charles R. Drew Charter School. She is an honor student and a member of several National Honor Societies. She began playing the harp at age 12. In the summer of 2022, she auditioned and was selected for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Talent Development Program. Amber currently plays in the Urban Youth Harp Ensemble. She has competed in the GMEA Solo and Ensemble where she has received superior ratings, the highest rating that can be achieved. Amber has also played in GMEA's All State Orchestra and All State Band. She recently auditioned and was selected for the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Upon graduating from high school, Amber plans to attend college where she will double major in music and biology. She hopes one day to own her own dermatology practice and play in a symphony orchestra.

Introducing Miss Kamil Abryelle Higgins-Keels
and she LOVES the Lord!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CHURCH?

Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church will host a community Voter Registration Drive every Sunday in September, beginning Sunday, September 1st from 1:30-3:00 p.m. (following morning service) in the *Fellowship Hall. The deadline to register for the General Election is October 7, 2024 in order to vote in the November 5th election. You can register here even if you live in another county.

To register to vote you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a legal resident of the county
- Be at least 17 1/2 years of age to register and 18 years of age to vote
- Not be serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude
- Have not been found mentally incompetent by a judge



New Era's Women's Department Update

BRING IT TO THE TABLE
Real Talk with Angela C. Harden
A special dialogue on the State of America during the month of August and September

FROM A PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

FROM A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE

Monday @ 5:30 am on WAGT channel 26
Monday @ 10:00 pm on channel 5
Preach The Word Network
Watch live and On Demand
www.ptwnet.com/watchtv

Greater Fellowship's ELECTION REMINDERS

- CHECK YOUR VOTING STATUS NOW at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov
- REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 7, 2024
- Bring Valid Identification
- Follow social distancing protocols
- Encourage friends and family to register and VOTE



NEW ERA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CONVENTION OF GEORGIA, INC.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." Mark 4:8 NIV

THEME: "SOWING SPIRITUAL SEEDS OF LOVE"

September 21, 2024

Greetings, New Era Women's Department,

I am delighted to share with you several important reminders. Firstly, our annual "Mission Sunday" celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, October 27, 2024**. This occasion serves as a moment to display our unity within the New Era Women's Department. I encourage each of you to seek ways to embody God's hands and feet. Remarkably, when we come together in harmony, the Holy Spirit empowers us to achieve extraordinary works!

As we unite for this event, we ask that you attend church wearing white attire complemented with purple accessories. Additionally, we would appreciate it if you could capture photographs and send them to mlevi36929@aol.com, so that we can feature them on our New Era Website. We eagerly anticipate this celebration!

Furthermore, we are thrilled about our **63rd Annual Session**, which will take place from **November 10 - 13** in Savannah, GA.

Host Church: Historic Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
Welcome Program, Sunday Night: November 10, 2024
Reverend Paul E. Smith, Pastor
1008 May Street
Savannah, GA 31415

Hotel Information
Hampton Inn & Suites
Savannah Historic District
603 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31401

To Make Reservations:
Phone: 912-721-1600
Cost: \$169.00 + tax /fees (includes hot breakfast)
Parking: \$25.00 per day (in/out)

DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE RESERVATIONS: OCTOBER 12, 2024
Registration Code: Code - 90G

Thank you for your prayers, and we look forward to seeing you in November.

For His Glory,
Mary Levi

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Bishop Williams has also participated in the "Local Leaders and Government" workshop by way of the Baptist Ministers of Augusta.



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News from Our Regions

BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd Pastoral Anniversary Celebration


SUNDAY,
AUGUST 25TH
4 PM

Guest Speaker:
Bishop Michael Burney
Living Waters
Full Gospel Ministries

PASTOR
PAUL E. SMITH, M.DIV




63rd Annual Session



Bishop Dr. Rosa L. Williams, President
Reverend Stanley A. Smith, First Vice President
Reverend Karen Kelley, Second Vice President
Dr. Antonio Proctor, Third Vice President
Savannah, Georgia

Save the Dates
November 10 - 13, 2024
Savannah, Georgia

Celebrating 28 Years of Service



Rev. Dr. Herman M. Woods, Sr., Pastor
will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Psalms 34:1

DAVIS ARK BAPTIST CHURCH
1220 Sherman Avenue
Savannah, GA 31405
October 6, 2024 ~ 4:00 PM

Rev. Paul E. Smith, Guest Minister

Pastor Woods and the members of Davis Ark Baptist Church cordially invite our sister churches, former members, and the community to the Davis Ark Baptist Church as they celebrate their 112th Church Anniversary. The theme is "Davis Ark Baptist Church Was Built on the Solid Rock of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", which is based on Matthew 16: 17. We, the members of Davis Ark Baptist Church, continually keep praises for our Lord in our mouth, as we serve the Christ, the Son of the living God.

The messenger for this occasion is Pastor Vincent Smalls of 1st Zion Belmont Baptist Church.

Please join us on the second Sunday, September 8th, at 1:00 PM, at 1220 Sherman Ave., and taste and see how good our God is, you will truly be blessed. We look forward to your presence.

DABC Anniversary Committee
Pastor Herman M. Woods

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Young Street Community College of
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Young Street Community College of Theology is available to pastors, church leaders and laypersons who desire to launch out into the "deep" things of God. It is through studying His Word with a hunger and thirst for greater understanding, under the tutelage and guidance of qualified instructors, that this is accomplished.

We are anticipating the great things that God has prepared for us, not only this year, but the years to come.
The Educational Goals at NCTS @ Young Street Community College of Theology is to enable students to:

- Learn the Word of God which strengthens one's relationship with God.
- Empowerment by the Holy Spirit to execute the great commission.
- Obtain knowledge and understanding of the Bible and the major books.
- Understand the historical development of theology and support their theological views.
- Understand the educational program of the local church and an awareness of the worldwide mission of the church.

**Our school year for 2024-2025 will start on September 14, 2024,
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News from Our Regions

PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION 2024 START TO FINISH

Isn't it interesting how sometimes you are looking for one thing, and you find something else, something that you have never thought of, something that's important, like, old family photos, or an old family heirloom, or your first Bible as a child?

Our church has been a member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention for several years. Our former Pastor, Rev. Dr. Emory R. Searcy once served as President. With that, it is befitting at this juncture, that our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Addison Canidy would be able to attend this conference, and we were honored to be there to support him. Jeremiah 29:11 says:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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The pilgrimage to New Orleans led to many sessions and classes. One particular session was the Pinning of New Pastors executed by President Rev. Dr. David R. Peoples. Congratulations Pastor Canidy! You are officially in "the House" at the PNBC.

As many of us continued our journey, Pastor Canidy wanted to surprise his church members on the trip to lunch. After visiting five locations, we found Café Reconcile. Although it was closed Chef Martha Wiggins graciously let us in. Pastor Canidy was in for a surprise himself. We surprised him with an impromptu birthday party at the restaurant on his actual born day, August 8th. The food, the fellowship and the love overflowed.

Café Reconcile is a non-profit that provides a workforce development and training program for young people ages 16-24 years old to help them pursue their potential in the hospitality industry or equip them for other chosen careers. Go to cafereconcile.org to see evidence of their labor.

We thank God for a very successful and fulfilling experience. We look forward to Chicago, Illinois in 2025.



Contact
INFORMATION

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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 **12/01** 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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