



# New Era Hot Topics

New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

*"Equipping and Empowering Churches"*

Volume 12

## ***"Developing What We Now Possess and Blooming Where God has Planted Us"***

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*Third Vice President*



### ***From the Desk of the President...***

Showers of Blessings on you New Era Family,

Autumn is upon us and I pray that you are caught up in God's peace and grace in His will. Progress has been made since our last newsletter. Our Congress of Christian Education was a success, the PNBC Convention in Chicago was well attended by the New Era family, and the Prayer wheel is turning for all churches every third Tuesday of the month.

The Edward R. Davie Mission Conference that took place in September at our Convention Center. We are investing, a little deeper in our youth by having a one-day Youth Summit on October 11, 2025 also held at the Convention Center. We are hoping to enlarge our departments of New Era, bringing victory to the entire body of Christ. Our Women's Department and President Mary Levi are in full gear for our Queen contest.

New Era, we are excited about what we have placed before God on the Altar. Please pray with me that God's Will, will be Done. Let's keep on blooming, Love.

**Gripped in His Grace**

**Bishop Rosa L. Williams, President**

## **Spirit-Filled Fellowship at the 43rd Annual Edward R. Davie Missions Conference**

*"Faith still moves mountains and we witnessed it first-hand."*

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edward R. Davie Missions Conference that took place on September 13, 2025 at our Convention Center, was truly unforgettable. We heard the melodious voices of Sister Lynn Singletary and Rev. Dr. Heather Denson during our opening devotion. The spirit was high and everyone was thrilled to be there.

### ***This year's presenter's included:***

**Sister Alma Keen** - *"Fulfilling the Great Commission by Following the Great Commandment"*

**Deacon Leander Parker** - *"Don't Give the Devil a Seat at Your Table"*

**Little Miss Komara Cole** - *"Understanding Why Some Teens have No Interest in Attending Church"*

**Sister Valerie Hardmon** - *"Telling God No"*

**Sister Betty T. Chandler** - *"Faith Still Moves Mountains"*

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## **NEW ERA CONVENTION CENTER NEWS**



Greetings New Era Family,

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Our President has officially begun the **Capital Campaign for the new construction project** of adding a Dining Hall with a catering kitchen to our Worship/Multipurpose Building. Bishop Williams has sent a letter out to the members of the Convention asking for a contribution of **\$1500.00 per Church** to help fund the construction. Be sure to check your email. God is truly blessing New Era in ways we need to imagine...there are no limits with God!

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](http://www.neweraconvention.org); the Givelify App and look for our official logo or you may give your donation in person at our Annual Session coming up in November.

Please include with your offering a note/memo: **New Construction Project/Dining Hall.**

**Visit our website at [www.neweraconvention.org](http://www.neweraconvention.org) and go to the Convention Center tab to see our video with detailed information, the stages of building and the fervent prayer over our land and this 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. Our thanks goes to you in advance for your efforts.

Whenever you visit our Convention Center property, you will see some improvements that have been made to make our property something to marvel...thanks be to God and the hard work of Vice President Smith and company.

Please continue to keep New Era and each other in your prayers.

**By: Selethia D. Smith**

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*(Missions Conference article continued from Page 1)*

A very Special Thanks to Reverend Marques Fletcher, Pastor of the Young Street Community Baptist Church for their magnificent liturgical dancers for their participation.

The New Era Church families went above and beyond in supporting the Christian Women's Center with supplies. We heard several inspiring testimonials from residents of the center. Our hearts were full of compassion and eyes were full of tears as we were touched by the stories shared.

The Culinary The naNo one left hungry and some even took plates home with them...we had more than enough for all!

With 81 attendees, this year's Missions Conference was a true blessing. God always exceeds our expectations, providing all our needs according to His riches in glory.

To God Be the Glory!

Until next year, Thank YOU and continue to be blessed.

Article by: Sister Betty T. Chandler

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



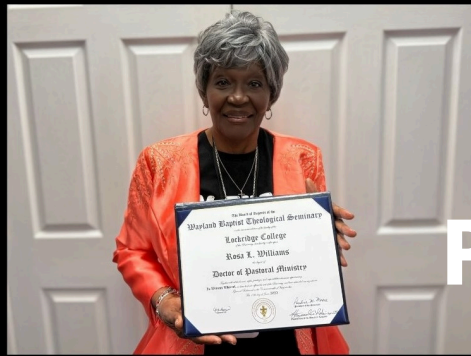
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## *Celebrating Our Pastor: Bishop Rosa L. Williams Honored with Prestigious Doctorate!*

Bishop Rosa L. Williams, has been awarded the Doctor of Pastoral Ministry, Honoris Causa by The Wayland Baptist Theological Seminary! This distinguished honorary degree recognizes Bishop Williams's outstanding leadership, unwavering commitment to the Gospel, and decades of faithful service to the Body of Christ. Through her ministry, Bishop Williams has impacted countless lives — empowering the broken, nurturing spiritual growth, and building a legacy rooted in love, integrity, and divine purpose. Bishop Rosa L. Williams exemplifies what it means to be a true shepherd — one who serves with humility, wisdom, and an unshakable faith in God. This honor is not just a personal achievement, but a celebration of her life's work and dedication to kingdom building. Please join us in congratulating our Pastor on this well-deserved recognition! We thank God for her life, her leadership, and her continued obedience to His call.

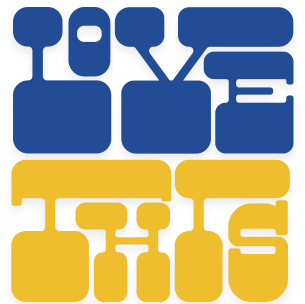
Congratulations, Bishop Dr. Rosa L. Williams!

We love you and honor you!



*Congrats!*

**MADAM  
PRESIDENT**



## »»» Our Youth & Young Adult Mental Health Summit was a Grand Success!

This event took place on October 11, 2025 at our beautiful Convention Center in Griffin, GA in the midst of Football season as well as other extracurricular activities and we still had over 60 people in attendance!

Of that number, approximately 50 of them were Youth of New Era. Congratulations to **Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church** in Savannah, where Reverend Paul Smith is the Pastor, for having the most Youth participation and winning \$250.00 for their Church's Youth Department.

If you were not able to attend this session, no worries... there will be others in the near future. Rev. Diego Daniels and the New Era Youth and Young Adult Department is just getting started!



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**NEW ERA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2025 - 2026**

**ALANNA JERNAE BROOKS**



Alanna Jernae Brooks has been selected by the Scholarship Committee of New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of GA, Inc. as a 2025/26 Scholarship recipient! She is a 2025 Honor Graduate of Griffin High School, Griffin, GA. Alanna was involved in many other extra curriculum activities such as Captain of her Volleyball Team, a member of the Superintendent Council and Beta Club member, as well as service rendered to the Griffin Community. Alanna is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where Reverend Keynon Jackson, serves as Pastor. She has been actively involved with Mt. Zion Church serving as a member of YAMZ. Alanna is currently attending Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, GA, majoring in Psychology. Congratulations Alanna! We wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Alanna represents the Middle GA Region of New Era.



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**NEW ERA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2025 - 2026**

**ANIYAH ELIZABETH DAWSON**



Aniyah Elizabeth Dawson has been selected by the Scholarship Committee of New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of GA, Inc. as a 2025/26 Scholarship recipient! Aniyah is a 2025 Honor Graduate of Banneker High School, Atlanta, GA. She served as Section Leader of the Banneker High School Marching Band, Student Leader Council of Upward Bound, CTC Trio and Vice President of HOSA as well as “Miss HOSA”, 24/25. Aniyah is a member of the Youth Usher’s Ministry of Mount Zion 2nd Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, where Reverend Dr. Addison Canidy, serves as Pastor. Aniyah is currently attending Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, LA. Congratulations Aniyah! We wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Aniyah represents the Northern Region of New Era.



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## New Era Women's Department News



**Convention Officers**  
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### 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 24, 2025

Greetings Women of New Era,

We come together under the theme: "**Sowing Spiritual Seeds of Love.**" This is a season to plant with purpose, to water with grace, and to trust God for the harvest He has promised.

We eagerly anticipate the Sixty-Fourth Annual Session in Atlanta, Georgia. Your prayers and presence are deeply valued, and will play a vital role in ensuring the success of this important gathering."

#### "Schedule At-a-Glance"

- ✚ Sunday, November 9th at 7:00 PM
  - **Welcome Program Host Church: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church**
  - Reverend Dr. James H. Alexander, Pastor
- ✚ Monday, November 10th at 1:30 PM
  - Women's Department Meeting
  - **Registration fees include: \$25 Women's Department; \$25 Units; \$20 Mission; \$20 Education; \$10 Miscellaneous, \$5 St. Jude's Children Hospital**
  - **Outreach Support: Atlanta Missions**
    - Items: Professional attire (slightly worn or new clothing)
  - Book Discussion: "**The ESTHER Anointing**"
- ✚ Monday, November 10th at 7:00 PM
  - Queen & President's Night
  - **Attire: White with red accessories.**
- ✚ Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30 AM
  - Women's Department Breakfast,
  - Guest speaker: **TBA**
  - **Tickets: \$40 (Tickets can be purchased at the door)**
  - **Attire: White with purple accessories**

May our Sixty-Fourth Annual Session renew our spirits, strengthen our sisterhood, and deepen our faith. Together, we sow in love and trust God for the harvest.



For His Glory,

*Mary Levi*

Deacon Mary Levi  
Women's Department President

## Global Mission Sunday



Sunday, October 26, 2025

New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of GA, INC  
Women's Department

MARK 4:8



## ***Faith in Motion: Mt. Calvary Youth Attends 64th Progressive National Baptist Convention 2025***

This summer, July 20-24, to be exact, I had the distinct honor of accompanying four of our youth from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church to the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) in Chicago, Illinois. What began as a road trip quickly transformed into a spiritual journey, one marked by fellowship, learning, and growth in Christ. From the early morning departure on that Sunday to the final reflections on our return. This journey was a testament to God's faithfulness and the promise of our next generation.

### ***The Road to Revelation***

We met at Mt. Calvary at 4:40 AM on July 20th, full of anticipation and excitement. After a short drive to meet our charter bus, we embarked on the long journey to Chicago. Stops in Nashville, Tennessee, and Indianapolis, Indiana, offered moments of rest and reflection, but also opportunities for our youth to engage with new environments and people. The bus itself became a sanctuary filled with gospel music, faith-based films, joyful conversation, and the opportunity to get plenty of sleep. It was clear that God was present, even in transit.

### ***A Feast of the Word***

PNBC delivered powerful preaching and teaching for all ages. Our youth were engaged in messages and activities that challenged and inspired them:

James 2:17 – Faith without works is dead. They learned that belief must be matched with action.

Psalm 133:1 – “How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!” They experienced this firsthand.

1 Timothy 4:12 – “Let no one despise your youth...” They were reminded that leadership begins now, not later.

These scriptures came alive through workshops, worship, fun activities, and real-life examples of service and justice. Our youth left with a deeper understanding of how to live out their faith boldly and sincerely.

### ***Fellowship Across Generations***

One of the most powerful aspects of the convention was the fellowship. Our youth connected with peers from across the country, discovering that their walk with Christ is part of a much larger movement. They prayed, worshiped, and shared stories—building bonds that transcended geography.

### ***A New Lens on Ministry***

For all four youth, this was their first PNBC experience, and the exposure was life-changing. Worshipping with hundreds of believers revealed the power of collective praise. They engaged with mentors who encouraged them toward ministry, education, and community involvement. Though our time in Chicago was limited, the city itself and the PNBC offered a glimpse into how faith intersects with urban life. The youth saw firsthand how churches are addressing social justice, education, and transitioning beyond Sunday services. It was a living example of faith in action.

### ***Seeds of the Future***

This trip was a blessing from beginning to end. The journey strengthened bonds within our church family, deepened the youth's spiritual walk, and broadened their vision of God's Kingdom. They represented Mt. Calvary with excellence, and we can be proud of the seeds planted during this convention. Seeds that we pray will bear fruit for years to come.

I am grateful to God for allowing me to witness this moment in our youth journey. The trip to the 64th Progressive National Baptist Convention was more than a trip; it was a divine appointment.



# Youth Photos at PNBC



Article and Photos Submitted By:  
Dea. Leander Parker

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After an exhausting eleven-hour bus ride from Atlanta (those cupholders were particularly unforgiving!), I arrived in Chicago exhilarated for our 63rd Annual PNBC Session themed "It's Time." Upon waking and exploring the city on foot, I quickly discovered the beauty of Chicago—taking in the gorgeous aquamarine river running right through downtown and soon after booking it over to the magnificent outdoorsy backdrop that is Millennium Park, which features contemporary art like The Bean and Crown Fountain, where children played in bliss running barefoot on slick concrete and lying flat out under the sprays of waterfalls. At night, I attended the sermons that left me spiritually energized—my absolute favorite part of our Annual Sessions. The "Taste of Chicago Choirs" was first: four powerhouse choirs who each sang medleys of all my favorite gospel songs, which then flowed into Rev. Dr. Charlie Dates' timely message about mending the relationship between truth and legality in our current sociopolitical landscape using Nehemiah's contrarian example—leaving me feeling empowered and strong. The following night, President's Night featured a blowout concert-styled performance by the prolific Chicago Mass Choir, followed by our President, Rev. Dr. David Peoples, who delivered a stirring message on God's omnipotent power—citing Him as the pull on the planets and the roaring in the rivers, reminding us that through Him we have "power, love, and a sound mind" to rise up and use our faith to propel us forward. Though my time ended too soon, this blend of spiritual renewal and urban discovery perfectly embodied our theme. I'm already excited for the 64th Annual Session in Washington DC, July 20-23 2026 —until then, may we carry that divine power into every corner of our daily lives.

Article Submitted By:  
Sis. Teyona Byers  
2024 Northern Region Queen



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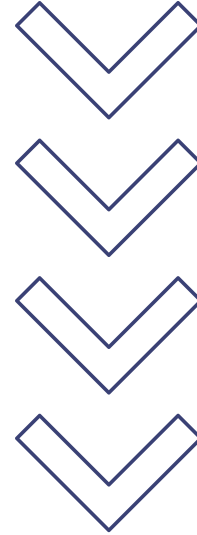
## **Events in the Northern Region**

### **The Northern Region**

Presented

### **“The Journey Through God’s Word”**

God created the heavens and the earth. The story begins with the establishment of order, the creation of light, and the creation of the first human beings, Adam and Eve. God’s deliberate actions were to create light, separate the waters, form the land, and then creating the sun, moon, and stars. Adam and Eve – God’s image bearers, thus setting the stage for the rest of the biblical story, outlining God’s relationship with humanity and the world He created.



**Anthony Nixon/Daisey Nixon/Betty Chandler/Patti  
Mobley/Linda Willis/Wanda Walker/  
Gail Carr/Antwan McKee/Will Grimes/Jimmy  
Fuller/Gregory Scott  
Sister Barbara Morris- Coordinator**

**Submitted by: Sister Chris Glover**



**We are rejoicing at the Beulah Baptist Church Atlanta and want to share our joy, God’s favor to us in celebrating our 136th Church Anniversary and the 2nd Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Winford K. Rice, Jr., Senior Pastor. Thank you Pastor for two years of faithful leadership, spiritual guidance and love for our congregation and the community.**

**Submitted by: Sister Gail Carr**



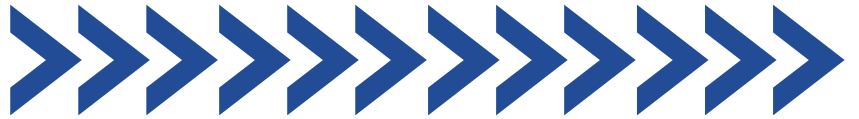




# New Era Hot Topics Events in the Southern Region



Congratulations to Pastor Paul E. Smith, Pastor  
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church- Savannah  
Anniversary Theme: "A Calling to Fulfill"  
Anniversary Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:8-11



The Southern Region joyfully came  
together to Celebrate the PNBC Annual Day of Prayer  
on Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
Host Church: Davis Ark Baptist Church



The Southern Region had a  
Gospel Concert & Annual  
Fundraiser for the Southern  
Region Queen.

Sis. Carolyn Blackshear,  
Southern Region President  
Rev. Paul E. Smith, Southern  
Region Deputy Secretary





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**IT'S TIME  
EVALUATE**  
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