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Prophetic Preaching and Our Missional
Mandate***
Luke 4:18-19

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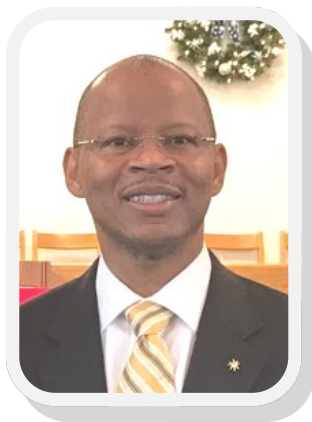
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Week At A Glance

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2:00—7:00 PM	Registration Open Exhibits & Vendors Open Models of Missional Mandate Exhibition	4:00 PM	Recognizing New Pastors & Churches Ministers in Training Program
4:00 PM	Hotel Check-in	4:00—6:00 PM	Men's Ministry Meeting
5:00 PM	Youth Explosion Oratorical Contest	7:00 PM	Evening Worship/Military Recognition/President's Night — Dr. Gregory M. Howard
7:00 PM	Worship - Dr. Samuel Gilbert, Sr.		Late Night— Intergenerational Dance
10:00 PM	Presidential & Champions' Receptions	9:30 PM	

Monday, June 24 Community Outreach & Clergy Ministry Day

7:00 AM	Convention in Prayer
8:00 AM—4:30 PM	Registration Open Exhibits & Vendors Open Models of Missional Mandate Exhibition
8:45—10:30 AM	Seminars — Select Two (2)
11:00 AM	Preaching At Its Best! –
12:15 PM	Clergy Ministry Luncheon
2:30—4:00 PM	Plenaries' A, B & C Clergy Ministry Meeting Bishop C. Vernie Russell, Jr.
4:00 PM	Foundation Board Meeting Ministers in Training Program
7:00 PM	Opening Worship & Communion – Dr. John Faison
9:30 PM	Movie Night—"If Beale Street Could Talk"

Tuesday, June 25 President's & Men's Ministry Day

6:30 AM	Convention in Prayer
7:00 AM	Community Breakfast
8:00 AM—4:30 PM	Registration Open Exhibits & Vendors Open Models of Missional Mandate Exhibition
9:00—10:45 AM	Classes
11:00 AM	Preaching At Its Best! –
12:15 PM	Men's Ministry Luncheon
2:15 PM	Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 26 Heritage &

	<u>Women's Ministry/ Missions Day</u>
7:00 AM	Convention in Prayer
8:00 AM—4:30 PM	Registration Open Exhibits & Vendors Open Models of Missional Mandate Exhibition
9:00—10:45 AM	Classes
11:00 AM	Preaching at Its Best! —
12:15 PM	Women's Ministry Luncheon
3:10—4:30 PM	Women's Ministry Meeting
4:00—5:00 PM	Ministers in Training Program
6:00 PM	Evening Gala Celebration Cruise – The Spirit of Norfolk



Thursday, June 27

11:00 AM	Hotel Check-out
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Monday Seminars ONLY

SELECT TWO (2)

(Select one Seminar for 8:45—9:30 AM; Select another Seminar for 9:45—10:30 AM.)

1. Who is BGCVA? How Does BGCVA Operate? (i.e. office staff, ministries, relationship with associations)

This seminar will explore the vision, mission, ministry, history, structure, and relationships of BGCVA.

2. Balancing Your Financial Ethos (8:45 – 9:30 AM ONLY)

Participants in this seminar will discuss elements behind the concept of clergy compensation, the benefits of a clergy compensation strategy, what you need to consider when building a clergy compensation plan and how it can help achieve your Pastor's financial goals and objectives.

2. Ministry Opportunities with First Genesis (9:45 – 10:30 AM ONLY)

Do you like working with numbers and people with a great degree of accuracy? Do you like helping

others with finances? Are you interested in helping others become good stewards over the finances God has entrusted to them? If so, then a career opportunity with First Genesis might be for you. This seminar will introduce interested participants to the work of First Genesis and invite them to examine if this is a job opportunity for them.

3. Parliamentary Procedures Lab: Doing Church the "Right Way"

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order in Brief, 11th Edition*, this seminar is designed for people who are new to using parliamentary procedures; or, who desire a refresher on the fundamentals of effective meeting procedures; or, who desire to become a certified Parliamentarian through the BGCVA. The seminar will assist the presiding officer to set the tone for the meeting, know what to say, and; gives a leader confidence to handle elections, motions and manage discussion and decision making that inspire members' trust and confidence. Follow-up labs will be held throughout the year to obtain the number of contact hours needed to become certified.

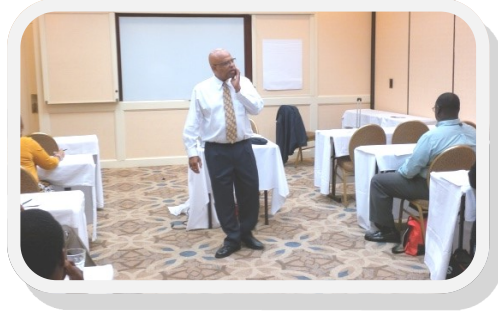
4. The Church and Civic Traditions: Outreach, Activism and Politics

Religion serves multiple purposes in the civic life of African-Americans. The Christianity that emerged out

of the black American experience contributed to various movements for racial reform for much of the 20th Century. This civic tradition nurtures a sense of love and care for the poor as well as an active engagement in political life. In light of 21st Century realities and its many challenges (social, economic, injustice on many fronts, including voting, education, environment, etc.), how can the church of today effectively do justice by engaging in Outreach, Activism and Politics (local state and national)?

5. Building Intergenerational Relationships in the Church

Although many of us spend a great deal of time at church, often we do so with a low degree of connectivity or knowledge of what our brothers and sisters in Christ actually believe about values we say are important to us. This class will provide a different way to engage members that is relatable, unique and fundamental to who we are as the church. Whether you are a teacher or ministry leader, The RoundTable Method of engagement invites groups to participate in guided discussion of pre-selected values. This session will allow participants to experience a RoundTable format and discover its value in facilitating congregation engagement, connection and growth.



Tuesday—Wednesday Classes ONLY SELECT ONE (1)

(Select one class to attend Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00—10:45 AM.

****All-Week Messengers: You must attend same class each day for certificate.**)**

1. YOUTH ONLY (8 – 18): Living My Best Life

Youth will learn how to stay rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and to cherish our rich history as African Americans. They will be introduced to skills such as entrepreneurship, scholarship and community activism. Each will participate in the “Morning Manna Session” where they will engage in prayer as well as discussion about holy scripture and how it relates to our world today. Each student will also participate in daily experiential learning activities, that will allow them to explore God’s creation in a more in depth way while having fun with other Christ-minded young people.

2. Strengthening Your Faith

According to Barna Research (8/19/18), people who don’t talk very often about faith offer

different reasons. Most of the reasons fall into two broad categories: avoidance and ambivalence. This class will explore 3 daily foci for strengthening your faith – daily communication with God through prayer; daily study of the scriptures; and, weekly participation in *(the life of the)* church.

3. Speak Lord Speak! Hearing God Through the Noise of Life

Allowing God's voice to raise over the noise of life can be a difficult task. How can we follow the will of God if we don't hear the will of God? The development of active listening skills and a quiet, expectant spirit are keys to hearing from the Lord. How can we decipher the voice of God if we can't recognize the voice of God? This class will offer strategies for hear, recognizing and doing the will of God.

4. Re-Imagining Christian Education 21st Century Style: Models of Intergenerational Faith Formation

The mandate and necessity of teaching in the church today is just as relevant today as it was in the 1st century church. As we approach the mid-21st century, how does the church re-imagine teaching in such a way that the truths of God's Word remain relevant and fresh for every generation? How can the church creatively re-imagine its

faith-forming educational endeavors to meet the needs of all generations? If the church is to remain the church throughout and beyond the 21st Century, then it must teach in ways that pierce the hearts of all generations.

5. WOMEN: Created in The Image of God and Empowered for Ministry in The 21st Century

This class will offer leadership insights from biblical, historical and present day perspectives. The perceptions offer new paradigms for women's voices, visions and vocations, contributing to church growth and community ministries for the 21st century. This class is for Women only as it seeks to create paradigms for church and community from the perspectives and experiences of women speaking in their own voices.

6. Intersecting Theology & Technology: Becoming a Click and Mortar Church

The effective use of technology in the 21st Century church impacts every generation. From the church office to each ministry and into the community, the technologically savvy church **IS** the church of today and tomorrow. Participants in this class will explore the significant impact technology has on the 21st century church; uses of computer equipment and software systems for church management functions; as well as the effective use of technology in all aspects of

ministry – worship, instruction, missions, outreach, etc.

God’s people (from the youngest to the oldest) to become active in sharing God’s love with others.

7. Creating Policies for Your Church: Sexual Harassment, Child Abuse Prevention, #MeToo, and Other Policies for the Church, etc.

Based on hot button issues that affect all churches regardless of size, location (rural or urban), or financial status, this class will inform participants of the hottest issues facing churches and explore what to consider as you create plans, policies and, procedures for the safety and security of your church and your gospel witness.

8. Spiritual Recovery from Church Trauma: God’s Power to Heal

The church is often referred to as God’s place of healing. How does the church remain faithful to being a healing community when church -inflicted wounds of all shapes, sizes, and forms are often found in the church? This class will explore strategies for overcoming church hurt through God’s power to heal.

9. Mining a Missional Mindset

This class will help students to become more sensitized to the need for all ages to adopt a missionary mindset in the 21st Century. Participants will explore the purpose and ways of living out God’s call for all ages to be involved in missions. From prayer and giving to current events and lifestyle choices, participants will discover practical ways for all

10. Creating and Sustaining a Disciple-Making Process in Your Church

Author, Julius Dotson states: “There is no cookie-cutter approach to making disciples, and each disciple’s journey and each church’s process is unique. And yet we must take our part in the discipleship process seriously as it has been entrusted to us by Jesus.” How does a church build a culture of disciple-making? Making disciples is not about attending meetings; nor what we wear or what we sing. Making disciples is building an atmosphere where disciples are not only created, but they are sustained. This class will guide participants through a sustainable disciple-making process that is adaptable for your church.

11. Courageous Conversations for Every Church (Tough Conversations for the Church)

Courageous conversations inspire individuals in the church to engage in tough discussions that open the body of Christ to encounter God’s grace. The outcome of such conversations is to hear other perspectives through respectful learning dialogues on contemporary issues.

12. The Theology and Place of Music and Arts in Worship

The Old and New Testaments attest to the theology and place of music in worship that extends to the 21st Century and beyond. This class will examine the biblical and historical place of music in worship and answer questions regarding the place and scope of music in 21st century worship that reaches upward and outward.

13. Partners in Prayer & Prevention

BGCVA Health & Wellness ministry invites you to re-energize your health ministry or start a new health ministry in your church. You will learn about BGCVA partnerships, particularly the new **“Virginia Partners in Prayer and Prevention”** Community Health Champion from Virginia Dept. of Health. You will learn how to build and sustain Health Ministries, build partnerships, community engagement and understand Virginia’s Plan for Well-being. This session includes **REVIVE! – How to Recognize and Respond to an Opioid Overdose Emergency With Naloxone and “Walk with Ease”** information for those with arthritis.

14. Becoming God’s 21st KINGDOM Servant Leader in Your Church/ Association

Leadership in the church is different from the world’s view of leadership. Kingdom leaders lead

like Jesus! According to Mark 10:45, they are servant leaders who follow Jesus! And, who “did not come to be served, but to serve.” Participants in this class will examine principles of servant leadership and discover ways God has uniquely equipped you to serve God’s people.

15. Medicare: Everything You Need to Know to Get the Best Medicare Coverage for You

This session will provide the ins and outs of Medicare. You will learn when to file, how to file and how to decide which Medicare Supplement Plan is best for you. Many people do not get full benefit from Medicare because they do not know everything they may be entitled to receive.

16. Developing a Leadership Pipeline: Creative Models of Discipleship in the 21st Century

Participants in this class will explore 5 key principles that influence effective disciple-making in the 21st Century church. It must be relational, biblical, applicable, accountable and reproducible for all ages. Making disciples is the call of every Christ follower. The call to “Go and make disciples” continues to be the intent of Jesus’ mandate to His church in the Great Commission. If these principles determine process, structure, and material for disciple-making, how does or will your church make disciples in the 21st Century?

17. Reviving Our Roots: Prophetic Preaching and Our Missional Mandate

This class will examine and explore practical suggestions for teaching and living out God's missional mandate in your church.

18. MEN: The Urgency of Now!!

This class will focus on how to build and strengthen your Men's Ministry to effectively attract and engage men of all ages. These sessions will explore how to use the Biblical mandate for Social Justice to serve males in need of mentoring (Elijah-Elisha Mentoring); How to serve males of all ages returning from incarceration (Stations of Hope, The Return of the Men). The men in this session will be expected to share and participate in active discussions of the obstacles in ministering to men and begin planning to address then their local churches and associations.

19. Rural/Small Town Churches Can Grow Too!!

Though some struggle, rural/small town churches have great promise and potential for effective ministry. Although they may not grow larger in membership size, with nurturing, care and love, they possess the potential to grow spiritually. Though few in number, these churches can be significant in their spiritual growth and impact on the community in which they are situated. How? Churches like these can offer deep points of intergenerational connections along with new hope for sustainability.

20. Planned Strategic Giving

This class will discuss the why and how of creating & leaving a legacy for your family and church. This class will explore 5 questions to consider for charitable giving through gifts and life insurance: (1) Who will be personally impacted? (2) Who can receive charitable gifts? (3) What are the "me" benefits of giving? (4) What vehicles can be used? (5) What advanced strategies can be used?

21. Ushering in Spirit and Truth

This class will assist ushers of all ages to become more proficient in making members and visitors feel comfortable as they enter church for worship. Participants will learn movements, signs and, structure that aid in making the service more worshipful for all attendees.



Please come prepared to give your individual, church, association, business, and organization gifts on President's Night—Tuesday, June 26 @ 7:00 PM

Pre-Registration Deadline

Post Marked by June 3

Register Online (www.bgcva.org/events.html) by June 3

Late Registration begins June 4, 2019. Late registration deadline is June 18, 2019.

There is a late fee. Registrations received after June 19 will be processed with On-Site Registrations.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete one (1) registration form for each individual who will attend the session. Registration entitles you to: a messenger bag with BGCVA information, a souvenir journal, and a messenger name badge.

All-Week Messenger Fee: Includes three (3) luncheons, two (2) seminars (Monday) **AND** one (1) class; and a certificate for attending the same class each day (Tuesday and Wednesday)

One-Day Messenger Fee: Includes, depending on what day and time you come, one (1) luncheon, two (2) seminars (Monday)

All-Week Youth Messenger Fee: For Ages 8-18. Ages 8-10 MUST have a Adult Leader with them (Adult Leader must pay messenger fee also). Includes seminars, class, transportation and activities. Youth must have a permission waiver form signed to participate.

MEAL OPTIONS:

Each messenger who orders meals must pick up their own tickets which will be in your messenger name badge holder. Tickets must be purchased by June 18. **NO tickets will be sold on-site.**

SEMINAR AND CLASS SELECTIONS:

Provide your church name, church city, name, email, telephone numbers, mailing address, any differing needs, two (2) seminars **AND/OR** one (1) class from the BGCVA Congress Listings (on pages 8 -12).

More than one registration form can be mailed in the same envelope from the same church. You can send one church check or money order for the total amount enclosed for each registration form.

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120th Annual Session Individual Registration Form

*****PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY*****

Church Name and City: _____

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Telephone: Daytime (_____) _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Differing Needs (Physical, Food Allergies, Medical): _____

CHECK ONE	Code	Type of Messenger	Fee	Late Fee (After June 4)
	A	All-Week Messenger	\$200.00	\$210.00
	B	One-Day Messenger—Circle one (1) Luncheon: CLERGY MEN WOMEN	\$100.00	\$110.00
	C	All-Week Youth Messenger (Ages 8-18)	\$70.00	\$75.00

CHECK	Code	Meal Option	Fee
	CB	Tuesday—Community Prayer Breakfast	\$10.00
	EC	Wednesday— Evening Gala Celebration on the Spirit of Norfolk	\$75.00

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Day	Time	SEMINARS Titles (Options—Descriptions on PAGES 4-5)
M	8:45 AM	
M	9:45 AM	

Day	Time	CLASS Title (Option —Descriptions on PAGES 5-9) ***FOR ALL WEEK MESSENGERS ONLY***
T & W	9:00 AM	



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