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**INTERGENERATIONAL MUSICAL & YOUTH EXPLOSION
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MORNING PREACHER

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CLERGY LUNCHEON 20 MINUTES IN THE WORD

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EVENING PREACHER

26
MON



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MEN

WOMEN

MINISTERS AND
MEMBERS
UNDER 40

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EXMORE, VIRGINIA
PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

MORNING PREACHER

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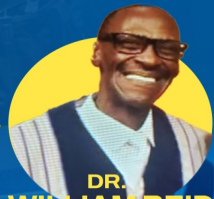
MEN'S LUNCHEON

20 MINUTES IN THE WORD

EVENING LECTURER

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

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TUE



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LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
YOUTH NIGHT



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EXMORE, VIRGINIA

MORNING PREACHER

MORNING LECTURER

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

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YOUTH NIGHT

28
WED



**DR.
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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, June 25th

2:00 PM Registration, Exhibits & Vendors Open
4:00 PM Hotel Check -in
6:00 PM Intergenerational Musical & Youth Explosion

4:00 PM Community Service Project
6:30 PM Lecture 4—**Dean James Coleman, Jr.**
7:00 PM Evening Worship—President's Night
President Milton Bunting
9:30 PM Late Night Intergenerational BGC's Got Talent

Monday, June 26th

6:30 AM Convention in Prayer (Clergy Ministry)
8:00 AM Registration, Exhibits & Vendors Open
8:00 AM Morning Meditation/A Fresh Word
Preacher—**Dr. Michael Chandler**
8:30 AM Lecture 1—**Dean John Guns**
9:10 AM Seminars (Choose One Per Day)
10:20 AM Master Classes (Choose One Per Week)
11:30 AM Twenty Minutes In The Word—
Rev. Rose Curry
12:15 PM Clergy Ministry Luncheon—
Dr. Tyrone Jackson, Jr.
2:30 PM Ministry Development Sessions
3:15 PM Ministry Meetings & Commissions' Meetings
4:00 PM Foundation Board Meeting
Community Service Project
6:30 PM Lecture 2—**Dr. Theron Williams**
7:00 PM Evening Worship
Preacher—**Bishop Brehon Hall**
10:00 PM Millennium Mixer: Jazz and Open Mic

Tuesday, June 27th

6:30 AM Convention in Prayer (Men's Ministry)
7:00 AM Community Breakfast
8:00 AM Registration, Exhibits & Vendors Open
8:00 AM Morning Meditation/A Fresh Word
Preacher—**Dr. William Reid**
8:30 AM *Community Food Distribution Project—
BGC Food Network: Volunteers from
Local Churches & Food Banks*
8:30 AM Lecture 3—**Dr. Theron Williams**
9:10 AM Seminars (Choose One Per Day)
10:20 AM Master Classes (Choose One Per Week)
11:30 AM Twenty Minutes In The Word—
Rev. Rosalind Hairston
12:15 PM Men's Ministry Luncheon—
Dr. Charles Whitfield
2:15 PM Convention Business Meeting
3:15 PM Ministry Meetings & Commissions' Meetings

Wednesday, June 28th

6:30 AM Convention in Prayer (Women's Ministry)
8:00 AM Registration, Exhibits & Vendors Open
8:00 AM Morning Meditation/A Fresh Word
Preacher—**Dr. Kim Ridley**
8:30 AM Lecture 5—**Dean James Coleman, Jr.**
9:10 AM Seminars (Choose One Per Day)
10:20 AM Master Classes (Choose One Per Week)
12:00 PM Women's Ministry Luncheon—
Minister Tamika Whitfield Hairston
3:15 PM Ministry Meetings & Commissions' Meetings
7:00 PM Evening Worship—Youth Night
Preacher—**Dr. Charity Fisher**
10:00 PM Young Adult Extravaganza

Thursday, June 29th

6:30 AM Convention in Prayer (Moderators)
8:00 AM Registration, Exhibits & Vendors Open
9:10 AM Seminars (Choose One Per Day)
10:20 AM Master Classes (Choose One Per Week)
12:15 PM The Gala Celebration
Honoring BGCVA Staff
◊ Executive Minister, Dr. Leo Whitaker & Mrs. Cathy Whitaker (Executive Minister's 5th Anniversary)
◊ Retirement Recognition for Dr. J. Elisha Burke
◊ Special Presentation to BGCVA Staff
Recognizing 2022 BGCVA Givers Awarding Children's Home of Virginia Baptists, Inc. Fund Raisers
◊ Dr. Jack White & Mrs. Gracie White
◊ Mr. Edward Titmus & The Titmus Foundation
THE ALTAR CALL

* _ * = Open to persons not attending Annual Session

Pre-Registration Deadline

Post Marked by June 20

Register Online (www.bgcva.org/events.html) by June 20

Late Registration begins June 21, 2023. There is a late fee. Registrations received after June 23 will be processed as on-site registration.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete one (1) registration form for each individual who will attend the session. Provide your church name, church city, name, email, home phone number, mobile phone number. (SEE PAGE 4)

In-Person 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, Community Breakfast, Gala Celebration, four (4) Seminars, one (1) Master Class, and one (1) Ministry Development Session (SEE PAGES 6-7 for Seminar/Master Class/Ministry Development Session descriptions); and a certificate for attending the Master Class each day.

One Day Messenger Fee: Includes, depending on what day and time you come, one (1) luncheon and one (1) Seminar (SEE PAGES 6-7 for descriptions).

All Week Youth Messenger Fee: For Ages 7-18. Ages 7-10 MUST have an Adult Leader with them (Adult Leader must pay messenger fee also). Includes class, transportation and activities.

If you would like to sponsor a youth please contact the BGCVA office.

In Person Messengers must have a signed Waiver Form (SEE PAGE 5).

Virtual Registration includes a link via Zoom, an electronic souvenir journal of the Annual Session. (Youth Messenger - Virtual includes Children & Youth Ministry class and activities only.)

DVDs Package: DVDs are available at \$50.00 with postage. Includes all of the Evening Worship & Lecture Series.

MEAL OPTIONS:

Each In-Person 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 20.

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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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*****No Credits, Transfers, Refunds, or Rain Checks Allowed.*****

124th Annual Session Individual Registration Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Church Name and City: _____

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Telephone Numbers: Home (_____) _____

Mobile(_____) _____

In-Person Differing Needs (Physical, Food Allergies, Medical): _____

CHECK ONE	Code	Type	Fee	Late Fee (After June 20)
	A-1	All Week Messenger—In Person (All 3 Luncheons, Community Breakfast, & Gala Celebration)	\$250.00	\$300.00
	A-2	All Week Messenger —Virtual	\$125.00	\$125.00
	B	One Day Messenger—In Person (1 Luncheon) (CLERGY MEN WOMEN — CIRCLE ONE)	\$150.00	\$175.00
	C-1	Youth Messenger—In Person (Ages 7-18)	\$150.00	\$150.00
	C-2	Youth Messenger—Virtual (Ages 7-18)	\$125.00	\$125.00
	D	DVDs Package	\$50.00	

CHECK ANY	Code	A La Carte Meal Option ***ALL MEALS REQUIRE A TICKET***	Fee
	CL	Monday—CLERGY Luncheon	\$55.00
	CB	Tuesday—Community Prayer Breakfast	\$30.00
	ML	Tuesday—MEN Luncheon	\$55.00
	WL	Wednesday—WOMEN Luncheon	\$55.00
	EC	Thursday—Gala Celebration	\$65.00

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

CHOOSE ONE	SEMINAR, MASTER CLASS, & MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT SELECTIONS Titles (Options—Descriptions on P. 6-7) ***FOR ALL WEEK MESSENGERS ONLY***
S—MON	
S—TUE	
S—WED	
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Waiver & Release Form

Note: Each Person Attending Must Complete This Form And Return
(Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian sign)

Full Name: _____

Church Name: _____ Location: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Daytime Evening

Name of Insurance Company Provider _____

Policy Number _____

***Please make certain all registrants bring an insurance card and meds to the retreat. Each registrant must keep their meds with them at all times.**

Please list of any other medical restrictions from activities the registrant might have:

Please list any MEDICATIONS or FOODS the registrant is allergic to:

Vaccination Information (Bring proof of vaccination card): Circle one — Moderna Johnson & Johnson Pfizer
Dose 1 Dose 2 Booster 1 Booster 2 Booster 3

Date: _____

"Having been made aware of the activities the registrant will be doing, I hereby consent to the registrant's participation at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia's (BGCVA) event. I voluntarily release and forever discharge BGCVA from any and all liability, claims, actions, or rights of action that is in any way related to the registrant's participation in the retreat activities. I agree to indemnify and hold BGCVA harmless from any and all costs or damages, including attorney fees, incurred in connection with the registrant's participation in retreat activities. I further agree not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain any claim or cause of action against BGCVA arising from the registrant's participation in retreat activities. In addition I hereby consent to the registrant being filmed during the BGCVA event and give the BGCVA permission to use that film for any type of publication.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of minor registrants. However, if parents or guardians cannot be reached, or if I, the below signed registrant is 18 years of age or older, I hereby give BGCVA permission to act on my behalf in seeking and administering medical treatment. I agree to release BGCVA from any liability in acting on my behalf in this regard and rendering such medical treatment. I assume the risk and financial responsibility for any injury resulting from the registrant's participation in conference activities."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print your name here: _____

Emergency Contact's Name: _____

Mobile Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

BGCVA CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS

SEMINARS (MONDAY—THURSDAY 9:10—10:10 AM)

CHOOSE FOUR (4) - ONE PER DAY

- **Baptist History, Doctrine & Polity (AVAILABLE TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY ONLY):** Identifying who we are and why we do what we do. [Dr. Todd Davidson]
- **Advance Care Planning—Making Healthcare Choices (AVAILABLE THURSDAY ONLY):** Identifying & individuals, plans, and policies to be used during health crises. [VDH]
- **Blessed Insurance—Covering Your Ministry (AVAILABLE MONDAY & TUESDAY ONLY):** How to get the maximum coverage at minimum costs. [Mr. David Rogers]
- **Feeding The Masses—The BGCVA Food Network (AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY ONLY):** Implementing measures to make sure no one goes hungry. [Rev. Jerry Holmes]
- **Building Wealth And A Lasting Legacy Foundation:** Ways to leave the family with more than just memories. [Mr. Kenneth Royster]
- **Fresh Electronic Presentations for Ministry (AVAILABLE MONDAY & TUESDAY ONLY):** Using the newest technology to spread the Gospel message. [Dr. Melvin Blackwell]
- **Church Podcast Ministry (AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY ONLY):** Using podcast technology to spread the Gospel message. [Dr. Melvin Blackwell]
- **Creating Capital & Stewardship Campaigns:** Exploring ways to finance ministries. [Rev. Russ Priddy]
- **Creating A Smoking Cessation Ministry (AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY ONLY):** How to create a tobacco-free life and ministry. [Dr. Ricardo Brown]
- **Developing An Entrepreneur Ministry:** Imparting novel approaches to maximize ministry initiatives. [Dr. Gene Quarles]
- **Dominion Energy—The Shared Program:** Utilities & Weatherization—Helping vulnerable persons to receive support. [Ms. Tonya Byrd & Mr. Leroy Atkins]
- **Community Health Assessments, Clinics & Screenings By Sentara Healthcare:** Exploring ways to live better every day individually and collectively. [Ms. Iris Lundy & Ms. Vanessa Hill]
- **Making Room For Me—Exploring Mental Healthy Habits (AVAILABLE TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY ONLY):** How to identify and imagine healthy mental habits. [Dr. Keith Jones]
- **The Loving & Loyal Leadership Of The Associate Minister:** Avenues for supporting the Pastor. [Dr. Charity Fisher]

BGCVA CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS

MASTER CLASSES (MONDAY—WEDNESDAY 10:20—11:20 AM)

CHOOSE ONE (1) - ONE FOR THE WEEK

- **Ministry Ideas—Bringing People Together...:** Methods for using the BGC theme in everyday ministry. [Dr. Veronica Coleman]
- **Organizing A Ministry Business Plan For Community Engagement:** Directed programs for community involvement. [Dr. Willis Morris]
- **Preaching—Bringing People Together...:** Preaching using the BGC theme as a guide. [Dr. Steven Blunt]
- **Sacred Spaces:** Importance of recognizing, remembering & retaining our spaces and places. [Dr. Elisha Burke]
- **Our Social Justice Witness:** Applying Micah 6:8 to our lives & communities, making the world a better place. [Dr. Linwood Blizzard]
- **Christian Faith Formation—Bringing People Together...:** How to find and define methods for increasing faith activation and actions. [Dr. Patricia Coker Bell]
- **Evangelistic Encounters That Bring People Together And Grow Churches:** Witnessing that generates results and non-traditional approaches. [Rev. Kirk Houston, Jr.]

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS (MONDAY @ 2:30 PM)

CHOOSE ONE (1)

- **Men:** Men—Bringing People Together... [Dr. Paul Sheppard]
- **Women:** Women—Bringing People Together... [Dr. Latasha Morgan]
- **Ministers & Members Under 40:** Young Adults—Bringing People Together... [Dr. Joshua Mitchell]
- **Clergy & Christians Mental Health/Self-Care:** Mental Health—Bringing People Together... [Dr. C. C. Jackson]
- **Technology:** Technology—Bringing People Together... & How To Impact The Church's Overall Technology [Elder Ronnie Joyner, II & Mr. Dominick White]

All topics will be done in Media/PowerPoint format and shared with students who sign up for a particular seminar, master class, and/or ministry development session.



124th Annual Session & Congress of Christian Faith Formation June 25 – 29, 2023

Theme
We are BGC...Bringing People Together,
Growing Churches, and Changing Communities!
(Act 1:8; Matthew 9:35-38; Mark 10:13-16)

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