



BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF VIRGINIA

ADULT REGISTRATION

125TH Annual SESSION

\$250

ADULT REGISTRATION (NO MEALS)

\$175

YOUTH REGISTRATION

\$40

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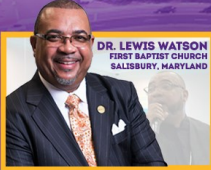
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SESSION EMPHASIS

MAKING THE BLACK CHURCH RELEVANT AGAIN:
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JULY
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DR. LEWIS WATSON
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BGC NIGHT OF GENEROSITY

JUNE 30 - JULY 3

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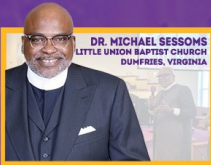
5000 SEMINARY ROAD | ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

703-845-1010

\$135.00 PER NIGHT (SINGLE/DOUBLE)
PLUS OCCUPANCY & SALES TAX

A ONE-NIGHT NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT MAY BE REQUIRED WITH
EACH ROOM RESERVATION.

JULY
2



DR. MICHAEL SESSOMS
LITTLE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA



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MORNING PREACHER

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

JULY
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JAMESVILLE, VIRGINIA



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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, June 30th

2:00 PM Visit Registration, Exhibits & Vendors * _ *

4:00 PM Hotel Check -in

4:00 PM – Until

**Level Up: Elevating Your Faith:
Youth & Young Adults
Intergenerational Worship & Arts * _ ***

Monday, July 1st

7:30 AM Convention in Prayer
(Clergy Ministry)

8:00 AM Visit Registration, Exhibits & Vendors * _ *

8:00 AM **Morning Meditation/A Fresh Word
Preacher—Dr. Lewis Watson * _ ***

8:30 AM Lecture 1

9:10 AM **Master Classes – Christian Faith
Formation**

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Seminars

12:15 PM **Clergy Ministry Luncheon—
Dr. D. Tyrone Brandon**

2:30 PM Ministry Development Sessions

3:30 PM Ministry Meetings & Commissions’
Meetings
Foundation Board Meeting
Committee on Organization Meeting

4:00 PM Community Service Project &
Visit Exhibits & Vendors * _ *

6:30 PM Lecture 2

7:00 PM **Evening Worship – Opening Night
NIGHT OF GENEROSITY
Color Guards—Salute to the Military
Preacher—Dr. Joseph Williams
The Holy Communion * _ ***

9:30 PM Millennium Mixer: Jazz & Open Mic

Tuesday, July 2nd (Election Day)

6:45 AM Convention in Prayer
(Men’s Ministry)

7:00 AM Community Prayer Breakfast

8:00 AM Visit Registration, Exhibits & Vendors * _ *

8:00 AM **Morning Meditation/A Fresh Word
Preacher— Dr. Michael Sessoms * _ ***

8:30 AM Community Food Distribution Project—
BGC Food Network: Volunteers from
Local Churches & Food Banks * _ *

8:30 AM Lecture 3

9:10 AM **Master Classes – Mental Health**

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Seminars

12:15 PM **Men’s Ministry Luncheon— Rev. Jamaar
Jones**

2:15 PM Ministry Development Sessions

3:15 PM Ministry Meetings & Commissions’
Meetings

4:00 PM Community Service Project &
Visit Exhibits & Vendors* _ *

4:30 PM **Convention Business Meeting**

6:30 PM Lecture 4

7:00 PM **Evening Worship—
The Gala Celebration (African Attire)
The 125th BGCVA Honorees
Preacher— Rev. Linda Stevens * _ ***

9:30 PM BGC’s Got Talent

Wednesday, July 3rd

7:30 AM Convention in Prayer
(Women’s Ministry)

8:00 AM Visit Registration, Exhibits & Vendors * _ *

8:00 AM **Morning Meditation/A Fresh Word
Preacher— Dr. Sandra K. James * _ ***

8:30 AM Lecture 5

9:10 AM **Master Classes – Social Justice**

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Seminars

12:00 PM **Women’s Ministry Luncheon—
Dr. Margaret Delk Edney**

3:15 PM Ministry Meetings & Commissions’
Meetings

7:00 PM **Evening Worship—President’s Night
Preacher – Pres. Milton P. Bunting
Installation of New Officers * _ ***

9:30 PM Intergenerational Line Dance

Thursday, July 4th

11:00 AM Hotel Check -Out

Travel Safely

* _ * = Open to the General Public

Pre-Registration Deadline

Post Marked by June 15

Register Online (www.bgcva.org/events.html) by June 15

Late Registration begins June 16, 2024. 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, three (3) Master Classes, three (3) Seminars, and one (1) Ministry Development Session (SEE PAGES 6-7 for Master Class/Seminar/Ministry Development Session descriptions); and a certificate for attending the Master Class each day. There is always an All Week Messenger NO Meals option as well.

One Day Messenger Fee: Includes, depending on what day and time you come, one (1) luncheon and three (3) Seminars (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).

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 15.

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.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHURCH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

**Baptist General Convention of VA
P. O. Box 26704
Richmond, VA 23261**

Once registered, you will receive via email a confirmation.



For more information contact us @

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*****All Event Registration Fees are Non-Refundable.*****

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

125th Annual Session Individual Registration Form

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

Church Name and City: _____

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Telephone Numbers: Home OR Mobile (_____) _____

Ministry Development Sessions: CIRCLE ONE— Clergy Men Women Youth

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

CHECK ONE	Code	Type	Fee	Late Fee (After June 15)
	A-1	All Week Messenger—In Person (All 3 Luncheons, Community Breakfast, & Gala Celebration)	\$250.00	\$300.00
	A-3	All Week Messenger—In Person (NO Meals)	\$175.00	\$175.00
	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)	\$40.00	\$40.00

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

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
	EC	Tuesday—Gala Celebration	\$65.00
	WL	Wednesday—WOMEN Luncheon	\$55.00

	MASTER CLASS (Options—Descriptions on P. 6) ***FOR ALL WEEK MESSENGERS ONLY***
MC—MON	CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION (CFF) - Foundations of the Faith/Apologetics
MC—TUE	MENTAL HEALTH (MH) - Changing the Narrative of Legion - Shedding Light on Mental Illness
MC—WED	SOCIAL JUSTICE (SJ) - Finding Our Voice in the Wilderness

WRITE THREE	SEMINAR Titles (Options—Descriptions on P. 6-7) *PLEASE WRITE YOUR SEMINAR TITLE BELOW*
S—MON	CFF:
S—TUE	MH:
S—WED	SJ:



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
“MAKING THE BLACK CHURCH RELEVANT AGAIN: RE-VISIONING FOR REVITALIZATION AND
REJUVENATION”

MASTER CLASSES (MONDAY–WEDNESDAY 9:10–10:15 AM)

*****FOR ALL WEEK MESSENGERS ONLY*****

MONDAY MASTER CLASS—Christian Faith Formation

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH/APOLOGETICS (DEFENDING THE FAITH)

Facilitator: Pastor Jason Knight, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA

TUESDAY MASTER CLASS—Mental Health

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE OF LEGION—SHEDDING LIGHT ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. LaTasha Morgan, LPC, Assistant to the Pastor- Counseling Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA

WEDNESDAY MASTER CLASS—Social Justice

FINDING OUR VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Joshua Mitchell, Pastor, 31st Street Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

SEMINARS (MONDAY–WEDNESDAY 10:30–11:30 AM)

CHOOSE THREE (3) - ONE PER DAY

MONDAY SEMINARS—Christian Faith Formation

- **BACK TO BASICS: DEFENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**—Facilitator: Rev. Rickey Rouse, Jr, Associate Minister, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA
 - **Historical Foundations:** Discussing the historical reliability of Christianity, including the life of Jesus, the early church, and the spread of Christianity.
 - **Theological Foundations:** Cover key theological concepts such as the Trinity, the nature of God, the problem of evil, and the uniqueness of Christ.
 - **Contemporary Challenges:** Address common objections to Christianity such as the existence of other religions, scientific skepticism, and moral relativism.
- **TRUTH OR TREND: THE NEW AGE DOGMAS (DOCTRINE/PRINCIPLES OF BELIEFS)**—Facilitator: Pastor Kirk Houston, Jr, Antioch Baptist Church, Hampton, VA
 - **Characteristics of New Age Beliefs:** Explain the core tenets of New Age spirituality, including beliefs in cosmic consciousness, spiritual energies, reincarnation, and alternative healing practices.
 - **Critical Evaluation:** Analyze the compatibility of New Age beliefs with Christian teachings, highlighting areas of agreement and divergence.
 - **Engagement Strategies:** Exploring effective ways to engage with individuals holding New Age beliefs, emphasizing respectful dialogue, understanding their worldview, and presenting the Christian perspective.
- **CULTURE SHOCK: URBAN APOLOGETICS (DEFENSE OF FAITH)**—Facilitator: Pastor Demetrius Russell, Sweet Union Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA
 - **Contextualizing Apologetics:** Discussing the unique challenges faced by Christians in urban settings, including issues related to social justice, race, poverty, and cultural diversity.
 - **Addressing Systemic Injustices:** Explore how Christian apologetics can be applied to address systemic injustices and promote reconciliation, healing, and social transformation in urban communities.
 - **Cultural Relevance:** Highlight the importance of cultural relevance in apologetics, including the use of music, art, literature, and storytelling to convey Christian truths in urban contexts.

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SEMINARS (MONDAY–WEDNESDAY 10:30–11:30 AM) CONT'D
CHOOSE THREE (3) - ONE PER DAY

TUESDAY SEMINARS—Mental Health

- **GAINING GROUND: MENTAL HEALTH & THE BLACK CHURCH (PASTORS ONLY)**—Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Andre Ivy, Senior Pastor, First Baptist of Marshall Heights, Washington, DC
- **IT’S OK NOT TO BE OK: DISPELLING MYTHS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH**—Facilitator: Dr. O Jermaine Bego, Senior Pastor, CenterPoint Baptist Church, MD
- **THE SUFFERING SERVANT: CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR THE CAREGIVER**—Facilitator: Lt. Dr. Autumn Wilson, Former, Chaplain Command U.S. Navy

WEDNESDAY SEMINARS—Social Justice

- **“WHO’S SPEAKING UP FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS?”** Micah 6:8—Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Vodricka Epps, Pastor, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell, VA
This workshop will delve into what the Lord requires of us as we engage with our congregations and communities. The Facilitator will share how to walk humbly with God as we love mercy and treat everyone justly and our need to speak up for what is right.
- **“THE POWER OF SHOWING UP”** Galatians 6:2—Facilitator: Min. Karen Downing, Executive Minister, Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville, VA
This workshop will center around the scriptures: Hebrew 10:23-25 and Matthew 25:37-40 and our Church Covenant that admonishes us to “to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer, to aid one another in sickness and distress;”. Our focus will be on the ministry of presence.
- **“YOUR VOICE/VOTE MATTERS”** Proverbs 31:8-10—Facilitator: Rev. Littycia Clay-Crawley, Founding Pastor, New Life Community Church, King William, VA
This workshop will focus on our voter education, voting rights and the power of our vote.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

CHOOSE ONE (1)

- **Clergy:** Clergy Bringing People Together... [Rev. Gloria Newsome Brickhouse, President]
- **Men:** Men—Bringing People Together... [Dr. Johnie E. Hopkins, President]
- **Women:** Women—Bringing People Together... [Dr. Margaret Delk Edney, President]
- **Youth:** Youth—Bringing People Together... [Sis. Alexandria Hunt-Quarles, President]

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.



125th Annual Session & Congress of Christian Faith Formation June 30 – July 3, 2024

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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