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GREETINGS FROM THE MODERATOR

*To The Executive Board, Vice Moderators,
Auxiliary Presidents, Directors, Officers, Pastors, Ministers and Members of
the South Texas District Association Churches and Friends*

GREETINGS & WELCOME to the 130th Annual Session of the South Texas District Association. Praise be unto God for His unspeakable gift! As this session opens and we reflect on our storied history, we find encouragement in the legacy of leaders and learners who have paved the way for us.

Our District theme this year will be: **"In Pursuit of the Kingdom Agenda"**- Psalms 9:7-8; Revelations 17:14; Colossians 1:13, 2:1-5. We pray that this spirit will permeate every aspect of our District's programming and planning this Annual Session.

My **Annual Address** will be given on **Monday Night, August 7th at 7:00 PM** at the **Encampment Ground Women's Building**. This service will feature the **Grand March** of all the Auxiliaries of the District in our continuing effort to enhance communication and promote overall unity in our efforts. We're asking all the pastors and auxiliary leaders for their cooperation and participation.

The **Memorial Hour** will be on Thursday, August 10, 2023, and will be held at the Pentecostal Baptist Church, 8310 Southview. The Memorial Committee will host this special program to honor those who have transitioned to reward in the past two years. There will be a reception starting at 6:00 P.M., with the program beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. Please be sure to submit the names of those to be recognized from your church to the Memorial Committee. Our speaker for this program will be **Rev. Henry Fields** of the **Little Union Baptist Church**.

In conjunction with my Annual Address, we will conduct our **Foreign Mission and Building Fund Support Rally**. Our present need is urgent and critical. Every church has been asked to bring a special offering for the completion and updating of the Women's Building.

Your continued support of **Project "500"**, our missions and capital improvement campaign, will be of immeasurable benefit to our future success. The goal of the campaign is to support our Foreign Mission efforts and finance the proposed improvements and the planned expansion of the Encampment facilities. The goal is to solicit at least 500 witnesses (1 Corinthians 15:6) who will pledge to commit \$5.00 each month in support of this effort.

We have made observable progress towards our goals and additional proposals and plans will be presented during the Annual Address this year. Many churches have already responded positively to this cause, and I am truly gratified and encouraged by your response. I am soliciting the support of us all to bring to fruition this vision for our future posterity.

BENEVOLENT WING

As we approach our August Board, this is to inform current members and new members that the increase of Benevolent Wing Dues which is \$20.00 per year per person, became effective at the August, 2016 Board.

The **BENEVOLENT WING** will pay the sum of \$500.00 to the beneficiary. Only members of STDA are eligible to join which can be at anytime during the following:

- * The three (3) District Board Meetings (January, April, November)
- * District Congress Meeting (June)
- * Annual Session (August)

A membership card will be issued with the name of your beneficiary.
More information is available during the sessions or you may contact:
Rev. Donald R. Dickson - 713) 695-6664 - Church - 713) 723-6895 - Home
Sis. Erma Kemp - 713) 927-4934 – Home



At any time your church is no longer affiliated with the District, your membership with the **BENEVOLENT WING** of the South Texas District Association will become inactive.



**Congratulations to Gwendolyn Price
On Winning The I Can Sing Contest**

She is a member of Lilly Grove MBC & her pastor is Rev. Terry Anderson



We would like to thank **Rev. Craig Taylor, Sr., of the True Light Baptist Church** and the **Foreign Mission Board Staff** for the hard work they put in to prepare and plan for this coming year’s missionary trip to Belize. They will be giving an update and status briefing during the Annual Session on the Belizean mission trip scheduled for August.

We will receive the offerings and reports along with any new commitments to the effort at our Annual Address. We will also be proposing some support enhancement options.

I am whole heartedly encouraging every pastor and every member to do their very best at this event. I pray that we will make this a high ministry priority in our District.

The Brotherhood and Mission 2 Auxiliaries of our Association will sponsor our **17th Men and Boys** and **12th Women and Girls Conference**. This year the theme is: **“Kingdom Men, Women and Children: Called to Greatness”**. Our guest speaker this year will be **Rev. Mark Davis** of the **St. Luke Baptist Church – Houston**. The **South Union Baptist Church – Houston** will simultaneously host the conference on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Registration/Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM, joint conference session opens at 9:00 AM.

The future of our faith community is dependent on how we prepare the next generation to carry on the work that has become our passionate mission. We live in an unprincipled time in which each man seeks his own way and has a self-serving priority! Joshua declared in his day, when faced with similar circumstances: **“..but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”** (Joshua 24:15b). It is extremely important for us to invest in their well-being and to model for them *‘the way that they should go’*.

With this great task and new challenge before us, it is my hope that all of the churches of the District will support this effort and actively support the District Brotherhood and the Mission Auxiliaries in this year’s conference efforts.

The R.L. Williams/ M.L. Jackson Scholarship Banquet, sponsored by the Brotherhood Auxiliary, will be held in the Women's Building at the Encampment Grounds on Saturday, August 12th at 4:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this great event.

We are honored this year to have as our keynote speaker **Rev. Mack Arthur Paul – Pastor of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church of Houston**.

This banquet is for the support of our District Scholarship effort, so we are asking every pastor to support it in a big way! Your support last year enabled us to award **fully funded** scholarships to deserving District scholars for advancing their education. We are projecting that, with your support, we will be able to do the same this year.

The Educational and Benevolent Wing recognitions will be on Thursday, August 10th at 11:30 PM. It is our hope that this will afford a better opportunity for more to be in attendance. We are asking all our churches to bring their scholarship support offerings at this program hour. **May the Lord grant us a great Annual Session through the fruits of His grace!**

**Rev. Acie J Jefferson Jr.
Moderator**



April 18, 2023
Theme: Fruit of
Galatians 5:22-23



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UPCOMING DATES

Annual Session - August 4, - August 12, 2023

- ➔ **Theola Roberts Grand Musical**
Friday, August 5th @ 7:00 PM @ Pentecostal MBC
 - ➔ **17th Men & Boys Conference & 10th Women & Girls Conference**
Saturday, August 6th @ 9:00 AM @ South Union - MBC
 - ➔ **Senior Women #1 President's Hour – Sis. Paula Smith**
Monday, August 7th @ 2:00 PM
 - ➔ **Moderator's Address**
Monday, August 7th @ 7:00 PM @ Encampment Ground
 - ➔ **Bible Band President's Hour – Sis. Hattie Bonner**
Tuesday, August 8th @ 2:00 PM @ Encampment Ground
 - ➔ **Minister's Wives President's Hour – Sis. Sylvia Jones**
Tuesday, August 8th @ 4:00 PM @ Pentecostal MBC
 - ➔ **Junior/Youth & Ministers Conference**
Tuesday & Wednesday, August 8th & 9th @ 10:00 AM @ Pentecostal
 - ➔ **Intermediate Women's Auxiliary President's Hour–Sis. Renita McCray**
Tuesday, August 8th @ 7:00 PM @ First South Main
 - ➔ **District Nurse's President's Hour– Sis. Gracie Smith**
Tuesday, August 8th @ 7:30 PM @ Encampment Ground
 - ➔ **Mission # 2 President's Hour – Sis. Clover Jones**
Wednesday, August 9th @ 11:30 AM @ Encampment Ground
 - ➔ **District Usher's President's Hour–Sis. Josephine Edwards**
Wednesday, August 9th @ 7:00 PM @ Encampment Ground
 - ➔ **Educational / Benevolent Hour**
Thursday, August 10th @ 11:30 AM @ Pentecostal MBC
 - ➔ **Memorial Hour**
Thursday, August 10th @ 7:00 PM @ Pentecostal MBC
 - ➔ **District Brotherhood 36th Scholarship Banquet**
Saturday, August 12th @ 4:00 PM @ Encampment Ground
- Please refer to your August Session program booklet to confirm the dates and time of above events.**

Moderator Jefferson's Vision



Project 500

God has given me the vision to solicit the support from all members of STDA churches to participate in the

Building Fund - (\$4.00)

Foreign Mission - (\$1.00)

The project we will embark upon is the remodeling of the Encampment Building - Women's Wing.

What am I asking? That **500** members from the combined South Texas District Association Churches; men, women, young and old commit to and honor pledging **\$5.00** monthly for **12** months in support of this effort for 2019.

When those who are called by God's name, come together, things are bound to happen. Just try Him and see!

If you are supporting the 2023 - 2024 Building Fund Pledge, you are asked to continue honoring your pledge.

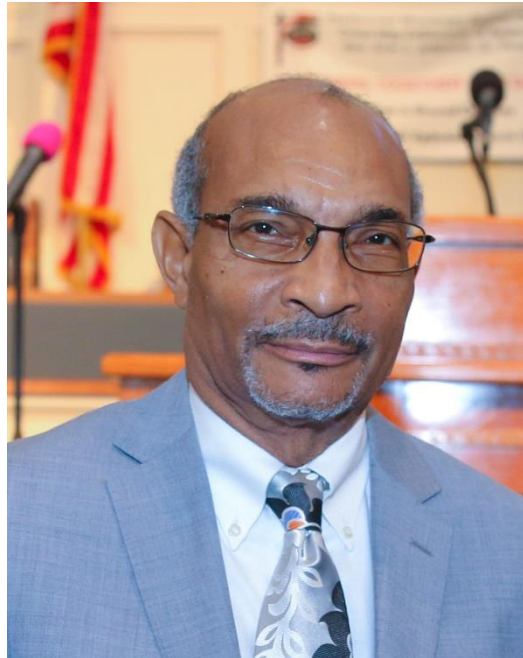


Bible Band
Workshop

March 11, 2023

Sis. Hattie Bonner,
President

Congratulations
Rev. Leon Jackson
On Celebrating 29 years of Pastoral Leadership
St. Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
October 2023



Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Larry Grant
On Celebrating 14 years of Pastoral Leadership
Brairchase Missionary Baptist Church
October 2023

Happy Anniversary

Just Married
29 Years Ago

June Congress Highlights

Dr. Leroy Lacy, Jr. – President's Night



President's Night – Dr. Leroy Lacy, Jr.

Rev. A. L. Bell led the congregation in singing "I Love To Praise Him". Dr. Lacy, Jr.'s choir blessed us singing: "All In His Hands". His text was taken from II Timothy 1:6-7. The subject was "Don't Let The Fire Go Out". Dr. Lacy stated that cooking relieves him and takes his mind off things. There are a lot of church members who are smoldering, but they are not on fire. Don't let your fire go out. Rekindle the flame because He's suffering. Get your zeal back. You can't get people back when you keep beating them up. Be careful because someone who is sitting next to you can put your fire out. Learn how to encourage someone. The Lord will help you so give Him some praise.



June Congress Highlights

Dr. Leroy Lacy, Jr. – President's Night



Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Willie Adams, Jr.
On Celebrating 7 years of Pastoral Leadership
New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
October, 2023



Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Henry Fields & Little Union MBC
On Celebrating 17 years of Pastoral Leadership
October, 2023



**Congratulations to Rev. & Sis. Theodore Johnson
On Celebrating 25 years of Pastoral Leadership
Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church – Rosenberg, Texas
October 1, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.**

Rev. Acie J. Jefferson, Jr. will be the guest speaker



**Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Marvin Love, Sr. & The Unity In God Church
On Celebrating 8 years of Pastoral Leadership
September 10, 2023**



June Congress Highlights Rev. A. L. Bell – Dean's Night



First Baptist choir lifted us in song with two selections: "Lift Your Hands Up and Oh Lord We Give You Praise." Rev. A. L. Bell's text was taken from Hebrews 10:19-25. His subject was: "You've Got To Show Up". There are many reasons why people don't go to church. 1. Church Hurts – It's the worst hurt you can experience. 2. The Church's Hand – The church only wants your money. 3. The Church Helps – The church keeps us grounded. A. It deepens



our communion with God. B. It declares our confidence in God. C. It demonstrates our commitment to God. D. There's a ministry we must fill and there's a mindset we must fight. In order to be effective, we must be visible. We show up to build others up.



June Congress Highlights

Youth Hype Night



Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Ralph Menifee
On Celebrating 35 years of Pastoral Leadership
New Providence Missionary Baptist Church
July, 2023



Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Ellery Richard
On Celebrating 19 years of Pastoral Leadership
2nd Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
June, 2023



Congratulations Rev. A. L. Bell
&
First Baptist Church
On Your Mortgage Burning Celebration



June Congress Highlights
Youth Hype Night



June Congress Highlights

Youth Hype Night



Congratulations
Rev. & Sis. Acie J. Jefferson, Jr.
On Celebrating 36 years of Pastoral Leadership
Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church



September 17, 2023
Grand Celebration
Rev. Mose Jones
Pastor of Greater Hope/Bethlehem MBC

Let's Welcome
Rev. Haskel Harvey
&
Holy Bible Way Church
To Our District



June Congress Highlights
Men's Class – Dec. Odis Pullum



June Congress Highlights
Minister's Class – Rev. J. Dewitt Clark



June Congress Highlights Men's Class – Dec. Verdis Wilson



June Congress Highlights Men's Class – Rev. Donell Wright



Please pray for traveling grace for our South Texas Foreign Mission Team as they travel to from Belize. They left on Sunday morning, and will be returning on Saturday, August 13.

Foreign Mission is not an Opinion, it is an obligation!

Quote by Moderator
Acie J. Jefferson, Jr.

"GREAT SAVINGS
RIGHT UNDER YOUR BEAK."

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MISSIONARY WORK IN GALES POINT MANATEE BELIZE

There are many little people like this in the village of Gales Point. STDA is trying to make a difference. Spiritually and physically. **THEY NEED OUR HELP.**

MISSIONARY work in Belize City and Belize Gales Point is a great contrast between the two locations.

South Texas District Association
Foreign Mission

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Belize

Moderator Jefferson with the 2023 Belize Missionary Team

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

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June Congress Highlights Children's & Youth Class



June Congress Highlights Rev. Marvin Love, Sr. Unity In God MBC

Scripture: II Timothy 1:6 –

Subject: “Stir Up The Gift Of God”

1. We all have a gift that God gave us. Sometimes it takes someone else or something to stir the gift up.
2. We are encourage to use the gift that God gave us.

He took an country boy out of the hills of Mississippi and he planted him in Houston, Texas and then He called him to preach His gospel. Then He called him to pastor His church and I'm here standing to tell you about the goodness of God. God is good and His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth through all generations. Not only is there love but there is joy. Not only is there joy but there is peace. Not only is there peace but there is longsuffering. Not only is there longsuffering but there is gentleness. Not only is there gentleness but there is goodness. Not only is there goodness but there is faith. Not only is there faith but there is meekness.

June Congress Highlights Rev. Donald Dickerson Greater New Hope MBC



Explication of Theme:

Rekindling the Joy of Attending Church Post Pandemic Age

II Timothy 1:6 - *Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.* Stir up the gift. If it is there you just need to stir it up. Psalm 122:1 - *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.* You can't start a fire with big logs; you need little pieces. Light it - then it will burn. Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. I need the Lord to lead me. I need the Lord to guide me because I just can't make it by myself. God has a reason, a message and in everything that He allows us to experience. *“The Lord giveth and the Lord take it away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”*

June Congress Highlights Rev. Delwin Benton Lyons Unity MBC



Explication of Theme:

Rekindling the Joy of Attending Church Post Pandemic Age

Psalm 122:1 - *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.* I'm glad I made it to church. Christians have been called to worship. God is being lifted. Whenever you come to worship, you are going up. 1. Song Of Arrival: Rejoice because you are making your way to church. Nothing is going to stop my shout. Nothing is going to prevent my praise. Nothing is going to hinder my hallelujah. 2. There is always a reunion when we come to church. You cannot be a growing Christian without being a part of the church. Church is not the building, it's the people. God is there and God's people are there as the church. The more you come to worship, the more you should look like God. Whenever the worship gets high, something ought to fall on us.

June Congress Highlights

Rev. Mose Jones

Greater Hope & Bethlehem MBC

Rev. Jones began singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". His text was taken from Rev. 2:1-5 and his subject was: "Something's Missing". His mercy is new every morning. Examine what happened to the church. Ephesus was a good church, but they had bad hearts. It's alright to serve Him but don't forget to worship Him. Labor is no substitute for love. If you don't have love for God, then you are wasting your time. Remember, we need to love one another. The world needs to see us loving one another. Remember and repent. Rev. Jones ended singing "Love Lifted Me".



June Congress Highlights

Children's & Youth Class



June Congress Highlights

Rev. Willie Adams, Jr.

New Jerusalem MBC



Ministers Class: Concluding Thoughts From Challenges to Opportunities

- Nine Key Changes for the Post Quarantine Church
 - The Blank Slate Church
1. The Bible Is Still The Word Of God
 2. Christ Is Still The Only Way To Salvation.
 3. Prayer Is Vital.
 4. The pandemic was a challenge but it gave us an opportunity.

Rev. S. E. Harris

St. Rest MBC



Explication of Theme: Rekindling the Joy of Attending Church Post Pandemic Age (II Timothy 1:6; Hebrews 10:25, Psalm 122:1)

1. If joy existed at the church before the pandemic then joy should exist at the church after the pandemic.
2. There was joy in the fellowship before the pandemic there should be joy in the worship after the pandemic.
3. If the church was sacred before the pandemic then the church should be sacred after the pandemic.

You ask the question why. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. The church belongs to Jesus Christ.

Somebody souls needs a soaking. Don't stop going to church now since the pandemic is over, you don't have to buy new clothes, a new necktie, you just need to grab yourself together and show up in the Lord's house. The pastor will be on the stove cooking the gospel eggs, frying the gospel bacon, he needs you here for breakfast on Sunday morning.

June Congress Highlights

Women's Class



June Congress Highlights

Rev. James Pate, Jr.

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25.

Subject "You Don't Want To Miss This Don't Miss Out. Don't Miss The Moment. Don't Abandon What You Know To Be True"

1. When we miss church, we give the impression that the Messiah



is not able to hold us. He is telling us not to miss church. Whenever we fail to come to church we give the impression that because we are suffering and can't pay our bills, He's not strong enough to keep us from failing. The bible says Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling.

2. When we miss church we mess up our witness. Whenever we fail to show up at church we give the impression that the same thing that we were preaching, that same God that we were talking about, it's good for somebody else, but He's not good for us. We give the impression that God is only good when He unlocks the door, When He allows the loan to go through and whenever He answers our prayers the way we him to answer it.

3. Whenever we miss church we miss an opportunity to witness to others. You should come to received the word. Come to support the pastor, come to worship come to fellowship and come to minister to somebody. You should be looking for somebody to prayer for, bless financially and somebody to encourage.

4. Why are people not coming back to church? This is me speaking, God got tired of the smell in the sanctuary. It was packed but stinky. Folks were giving, the choir was singing, all kind of program going on but it was stinky. God said He was tired of the smell and was going to send something to expose the real from the fake. Those who really love Him will find a way. Those who really love me got to come back because the fellowship is so good. Because the word is so good and because I just can't help myself. Why on a Friday, did they put the nails in Jesus hands. Why, did they put nails in Jesus feet. Why did He die. It was because of me and you. But thank God that's a Friday for early Sunday morning that same Jesus rose from the grave, not some power but all power. Is there somebody who can testify that Jesus is everything that we need Him to be. Is there anybody who can testify that, that same Jesus. He walk with you and talk with you. Church is something that you can't afford to miss.

June Congress Highlights

Minister's Class – Rev. Asa Sampson, Jr.



Minister's Class – Rev. Reginald Rose, I

