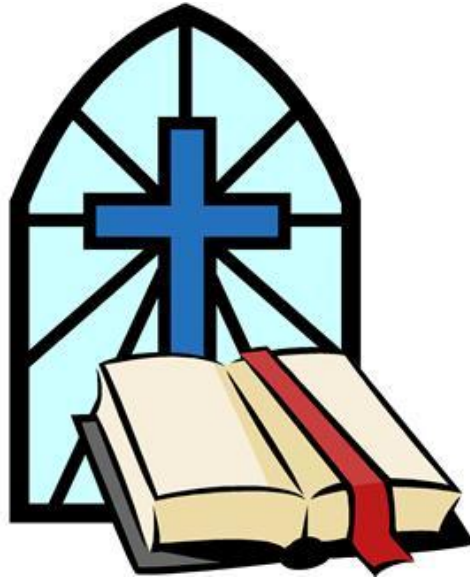


METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 – MARCH 10, 2012 SESSION

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
Reverend Dr. Nathan Johnson, Host Pastor

**“Solidarity With The Savior Through His Word”**  
(*Proverbs 6:20-21; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; II Timothy 3:16-17*)



Course Offerings and Descriptions

- 1007**      **Introduction to the Old Testament**      **(Phase I)**  
Reverend Beverly Mc Cutcheon, Instructor      Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
“Survey of the Old Testament” by Paul N. Benware, Moody Publishing
- This course will survey the Old Testament and will include a general overview of the divisions, time periods, places, events, people, and archaeology of the Old Testament.
- 1038**      **Survey Of Proverbs**      **(Elective)**  
Sister Drena Hicks-Jones      New Westside Central Baptist Church  
“Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely” LifeGuide Bible Studies, Revised Edition  
By William Mouser; Inter-Varsity Press
- This course of study is a collection of moral and philosophical presentations with a broad array of subjects presented in poetic form. The book of Proverbs springs from human experience and preserves many of Solomon’s sayings.

**1089 Survey of Romans (Phase III)**  
Reverend Dr. Oscar R. Carter, Instructor      Pastor Springhill Missionary Baptist Church-Inkster  
“The Letter to the Romans”, by William Barclay, Westminster

This course will focus on a thematic overview of major issues presented in Paul’s doctrinal letter to the Roman Christians. Students will come to recognize each doctrinal truth presented in the book.

**2013 The Baptist Church Covenant (Elective)**  
Reverend Eddie J. Sain, II, Instructor      Pastor Garden of Faith Baptist Church  
“Discipleship for African American Christians: A Journey Through the Church Covenant” by William Turner, Jr., Judson Press Publishing

This course will focus on the design and fundamental study of biblical mandates of our Baptist Church Covenant.

**2021 Basic Teacher Skills (Elective)**  
Sister Joyce Martin-Hutcherson, Instructor      Palestine Missionary Baptist Church  
“Effective Bible Teaching” by James Wilhoit and Leland Ryken, Baker Publishing Group

This course is designed to assist and equip teachers with the fundamental skills of teaching in the local church. To provide the student with a better understanding of how they can get more out of their teaching style, presentation and method of teaching. Teaching is a gift from God, how will the students receive the gift that the teacher brings them?

**3007 History of Baptists (Phase III)**  
Reverend Dr. Oscar King, III, Instructor      Pastor Northwest Unity Baptist Church  
“History of Baptist” by Robert G. Torbett, Judson Press Publishing

This course will examine the roots of the Baptist faith. Students will study the historical development of the Baptist denomination.

**3008 Theology and History of Christianity (Phase I)**  
Reverend Floyd A. Davis, Instructor      Pastor Twelfth Street Missionary Baptist Church  
“A History of Christianity” by Paul Johnson, Touchstone Book, Simon & Schuster

This course will outline the development of the Christian movement from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry on earth to present times. Students will focus on the history, theology, culture, and times that enable Christianity to develop and grow. Prominent persons who impacted the Christian movement will be identified.

**4012 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Phase II)**

Reverend Dr. Anthony King, Sr., Instructor                      Macedonia Baptist Church  
"The Presence and Work of the Holy Spirit" by R. A. Torrey, Zondervan Publishing

Students will study the person and work of the Holy Spirit. This study will include a thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that impact our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. The students will be able to clearly identify this doctrine of the church with a holistic understanding of salvation, with special emphases on justification, redemption, and sanctification.

**6013 Organizing the Church for Christian Education (Phase IV)**

Reverend Ronald C. Burks, Instructor                      Pastor Palestine Missionary Baptist Church

This course will focus on the various administrative and organizational skills needed to organize the Christian education department. Students will focus on structure, leadership, and staffing needs for Christian education.

**6021 Spiritual Formation (Phase I)**

Reverend Dr. William Mebane, Instructor                      Pastor Greater St. John Baptist Church  
"Invitation To A Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation"  
M. Robert Mulholland, Jr.,

This course is designed to enable people to mature in their Christian walks. It will focus on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults—to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Students will discuss what it means to be Christians.

**9014 Introduction to Sign Language (Elective)**

Sister Toniya L. King, Instructor                      Macedonia Baptist Church  
"Signing Illustrated Revised-Latest Edition" (2004) by Mickey Flodin, Perigee Publishers

Using American Sign Language (ASL), this course introduces students to the mechanics of speaking to the deaf. Students will learn the alphabet and how to form words with their hands.

**9024**

**The Computer in the Life of the Church**

**(Phase IV)**

Reverend Yvette Daniels-Griffin, Instructor

Co-Pastor Pilgrim Baptist Church

This course is designed for pastors, office workers, Christian educators, and others who want to utilize computer technology in the church. Issues in administration, setting up computer labs, tutorials on Bible study, as well as membership record keeping and nurture will be covered in this course.

**9902**

**The Spiritual Life of the Minister**

**(Elective)**

Reverend Richard Richardson, Instructor

Pastor New Westside Central Baptist Church

“The Preacher’s Journey” by Jarvis Collins, Sunday School Publishing Board

This course will explore the dimensions of spirituality that should characterize the life of the faithful minister. It will deal with his devotional life, his family relationships, and the time of study and meditation. It will share with the minister those activities that will keep him in touch with God and keep him ready to serve people effectively.

**NEW**

## **SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM (SESP)**

In 1996, several Christian educators asked, “When the students complete the Certificate of Progress Program, what is the next step in Christian education?” A program of specialization was introduced as an idea by then Executive Director, E. L. Thomas. The Specialization Education Studies Program (SESP) is the advanced study program administered through the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) of the Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB). It is designed for those participants desiring to focus on a selected area of Christian ministry.



The Specialization Education Studies Program provides a vibrant Christian education option for those participants who have completed the four phases of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP). Participants in SESP are challenged by a special comprehensive plan. Specialization should be more than a personal choice. Individuals who are interested in the program should spend quality time in prayer before making a final decision to enter the program.

Specialization suggests that there is a concentrated effort in a special field or practice. It is to give attention to developing one’s character for a particular function. It is very interesting that the Master stated in Mark 1:17 (KJV), “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.” It is the objective of this program to lead men and women to hear the call of the Master to “become” specialists in one or more fields of Christian ministry. Certificate Programs for the Specialization Education Studies Program include:

- Certificate of Biblical and Theological Studies
- Certificate of Christian Education
- Certificate of Church Administration and Leadership
- Certificate of Evangelism and Mission
- Certificate of Worship and Fine Arts

Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education is pleased to announce that we have been granted approval from the DCEAC of the Sunday Publishing Board to offer the Specialization Program as a part of our District Congress sessions. It is our prayer that those persons who have completed all four Phases of the Certificate of Progress Program and have received the Christian Education Diploma will take advantage of the Specialization Program.

SEE THE DEAN’S OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON:

Specialization Information Packet  
Program Admission Requirements—Forms and Fees  
Program Educational Requirements, and  
General Regulations

**Reverend Kevin H. Johnson Instructor  
Pastor New Salem Baptist Church**



**CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**This certificate of study is designed to prepare participants with a thorough knowledge of the Bible. Participants will study biblical theology, Scripture unity and diversity, and hermeneutics, while seeking comprehensive insight in biblical studies.**

**SP0001—UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE**

**This course will provide a holistic view of the Bible. It will provide for the students an overview of the subjective and thematic contents of the Bible, as well as relative geographical, environmental, and historical influences.**

**TEXTBOOK: “Understanding the Bible” Expanded edition by John R. W. Stott;  
Zondervan Publishing Company**

**OTHER COURSES TO COMPLETE THIS CERTIFICATE:**

SP0002—Hermeneutics

SP0003—Biblical Geography

SP0004—The Centrality of Christ in Scriptures

SP0005—Christian Apologetics

SP0006—Articles of Faith and Baptist

SP0007—Systematic Theology

**TO BE OFFERED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION 2012:  
CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COURSES**



## MINISTRY SESSIONS

### **Children's Ministry**

Sister Patricia Suber, Directress  
Sister Manda Bailey, Children Instructor  
Sister Angela Williams, Children Instructor  
Sister Maria Williams, Children Instructor  
Sister Stephanie Williams, Children Instructor

Macedonia Baptist Church  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church  
Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church  
New Hope Baptist Church-Southfield

Bible class time designed for children through age 11

#### **2029 Teaching Children (Adult Practicum)**

Reverend Pecola Bell, Instructor

Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church

"Follow Me as I Follow Christ: A Guide to Teaching Children in the Church"

by Cheryl Dunlap, Moody Publishers

**This course is for all adults interested in teaching children.** It is a general introduction to pediatric learning methods of the younger child between the ages of two and seven.

### **Youth Ministry**

Sister Madelyn Dansby, Directress  
Deacon Eddie Davis, Youth Instructor  
Dr. Byron Douglas, Youth Instructor

Macedonia Baptist Church  
Northwest Unity Baptist Church  
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

Bible class time designed for youth over age 12

### **Minster Wives Ministry**

Sister Marsha S. Mebane, President Minister's Wives & Widows  
Sister Lucille Nicks, Instructor

Greater St John MBC  
The Historic St. James Missionary Baptist Church

This ministry seminar is designed to focus the minister's wife and her responsibilities as a Christian, a mother, wife and community servant.

# WORKSHOPS

## Superintendent Workshop

Deacon Franklin Mills

Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church



This workshop series is designed to give new skills in administration and planning to Sunday School Superintendents and other leaders in Christian Education. Students will come to know topics such as:

**THEIR PURPOSE**—Coordinates and facilitates the smooth running of the Sunday School program to ensure that children who attend come to know the Biblical faith in a safe, friendly, welcoming environment where all may experience the love of God and be spiritually nurtured. An understanding of, and respect for, the faith and inclusive values of our church community are of critical importance, as is team work.

**WHY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS VITAL**—Sunday School is imperative because it carries out the Great Commission. The Great Commission is found in the risen Lord's parting words and recorded in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Jesus told us to reach, teach, and win the lost.

**WHAT IS SUNDAY SCHOOL?**—Most people mistakenly think that Sunday School is a few classes for children in the basement of the church before the important meeting—the Sunday morning service. How wrong this is! Every member of the family should be in Sunday School because every person should be growing spiritually and learning the Word of God.

## Metropolitan District Youth/Young Adult Choir Workshop

Minister Mario Marcus, Director/Instructor

Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church

The students will be taught basic techniques of Christian music, as well as study various types such as hymnals, gospels, Dr. Watts, contemporary, spirituals, etc. They will apply their new experience in a musical presentation during the Afro-American Heritage Luncheon or the Annual Session.



## “Love Connection” Workshop

Sister Evelyn Preston, Facilitator

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

Are you single and been looking to make a “love connection”? Did you look..... —in the street; —at your favorite club; —go to the neighborhood bar; —on your job, and —maybe even at church!!

This course will cause the single male and female to draw their attention away from SOMETHING and focus on the one TRUE LOVE CONNECTION through His Word!! Come alone or come as a dating couple and see what the Word has to say about a true relationship.



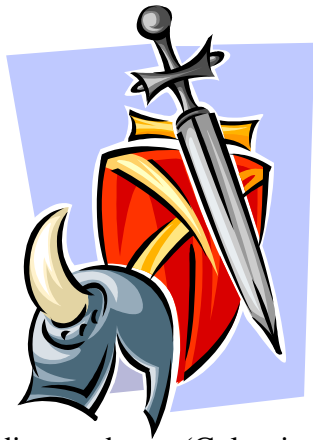
**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!**



# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Reverend Dr. Joy Davis

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church



Ephesians 6:12 states "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (NIV)

Paul reminds us that we have spiritual authority and blessings in the unseen or *heavenly realms* (1:3). God wants people to be delivered from the power of Satan and his forces (2:1-2).

The good news is that Satan and his forces have already been defeated and disarmed (Colossians. 2:15). Consequently, there's no need for believers to fear their spiritual enemy. While Satan still has the freedom to tempt and harass Christians, he has no direct authority over them. The armor of God pictures the protection Jesus gives us against demonic attack.

Spiritual warfare for believers, therefore, is fought in the mind, emotions and the will. Scriptural truth is our primary line of defense. That's why Paul frequently urges us to be renewed in our minds (Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-3). The more our minds are filled with the truth of God's Word, the less susceptible we are to Satan's deceptions and temptations.

However, because Satan still rules the unbelieving world, we will, on occasion, have to confront Satan's work in people's lives (for example, Acts 13:9-12). To dislodge Satan's influence in someone's life, a supernatural encounter of God's power and truth may be required.

# DON'T MISS THIS WORKSHOP .....

**COME HEAR AND LEARN HOW TO APPLY  
THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD!**



## OUTSIDE WORKSHOPS OFFERED DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR

**SATURDAY—DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**



### **8019 THE MINISTRY OF CHURCH USHERING**

“Usher’s Manual” by Parrott, Zondervan Publishing

This course is designed to teach the basic elements of ushering in the church. Students will learn the basic signs, positions, and post locations commonly used in ushering within the church.

**SATURDAY—DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**



### **8020 THE MINISTRY OF CHURCH NURSING**

“Guide to Church Nursing” by Lockridge, Boyd Publishing

This is a study of the nurses’ services provided by nursing personnel in the church. Attention will be given to the needs for this ministry, with special emphasis on the tasks of nursing involved. Health care resources and possible church health-related activities will be identified, including procedures for setting up a health fair.

**Both workshops will be held at:**

**Palestine Missionary Baptist Church  
15787 Wyoming Avenue at the corner of Pilgrim  
Detroit, MI 48238**

**9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

**\$10 Workshop Fee includes Lunch**

Textbooks will be available for purchase at the church