

Congress of Christian Education – 45th Annual Session Certified Course Descriptions June 27-29, 2023

The Congress of Christian Education School is a ministry of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. The school offers a variety of courses that are designed to help Christian educators grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible. The school also offers the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), which is a series of courses that can be completed to earn a certificate in Christian education.

The Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) is based on the Sunday School Publishing Board's curriculum, which is designed to help students learn about the Bible, Christian doctrine, and Christian living. These courses are taught by experienced Christian educators who are passionate about helping others grow in their faith.

The Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) is a great way for Christian educators, pastors, associate ministers, and church leaders to improve their skills and knowledge. The program can help students learn new teaching methods, develop their own curriculum, and become more effective leaders in their churches.

Below is a list of certified courses that are being offered during our upcoming Congress of Christian Education.

Christian Evangelism (Course #7005)

This evangelistic vision of being a witness for Christ and sharing the gospel remains the core calling for every Christian. Yet a study by Lifeway research has shown that the majority of Christians (61%) struggle with sharing their faith. If we still have the same calling to be a witness for Christ and the same empowerment by His Spirit as the early disciples, then why is evangelism such a struggle for Christians today? This course will help you develop a Biblical theology of evangelism that clarifies what the gospel is and why it is important for all Christians to share the gospel. Additionally, it will equip course participants with a clear method for sharing the gospel.

Facilitator - Senior Pastor Destin Williams

Introduction to Discipleship (Course #7010)

Matthew records what we now know as the Great Commission, in which Jesus commanded the disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20). The question every faithful and obedient Christian must answer is, "How do I make disciples?" This course is designed for self-directed study and examines the biblical idea of discipleship, the most important insights related to understanding Christian discipleship, and the practical steps for engaging in contemporary, Christ-centered discipleship.

Facilitator - Senior Pastor Adrian S. Taylor

Survey of James (Course #1104)

In this course, you'll explore the entire book of James, passage-by-passage, you'll discover insights into the background and meaning of the text and learn how the book's messages fit within a broader biblical-theological context. **Facilitator - Senior Pastor Keith Smith**

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Workshop Offerings
Workshop Facilitators: Dr. Tyrone A. Blue & Sis. Gloria Simmons

- #1 - Moving Your Church from Excuses to Excellence to Help Grow Your Church
 - #2 - Re-Imagining Evangelism/Outreach to Help Grow Your Church
 - #3 - Teaching Effective Bible Study/Small Group Classes to Help Grow Your Church
- The Deacon and Your Role Pastors/Ministers Sermon Development and Roles

SEED Series
Spiritual Elements Essential for Discipleship

- **Life Planters Ages 36-54/ Life Sustainer Ages 55 and Up**
Sis. Cassandra McCallum and Sis. Mary Mosely

- **Deeper Roots Ages 18-35**
Sis. Cassandra McCray & Sis. Sulmarie Duncan

- **Growing in Grace Ages 13-17**
Brother J. Farris Alexander Jr., Sis. Debra Jackson & Sis. Debra Fields

- **Growing in Christ Ages 5-8 & Ages 9-12**
Sis. Sarah Richardson, Sis. Priscilla Hale & Sis. Octavia Washington

SEED Series
Spiritual Elements Essential for Discipleship

Breakfast - Complimentary
Danish
Fruit
Assorted Juices/Coffee
Water
Lunch - \$7
Baked/Fried Chicken
Turkey Wings
Pork Chops
Rice (Brown/Yellow)
String Beans
Roll
Desert
Water
Diet Coke/Coke
Sprite

Note: Breakfast/Lunch Times are listed in your Packets under Schedule of Activities

Congress of Christian Education - 45th Annual Session Schedule of Activities June 27-29, 2023

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Time	Activity
8:30 – On-Going	Registration
9:00 am – 9:40 am	Formal Opening of the 2023 – 45 th Annual Session
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Congress Classes & Workshop #1
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Congress Classes
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Noble Sheep (All Youth & Youth Workers)
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Worship – St. Peter M.B. Church, Pastor DeWayne McBride

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Time	Activity
8:30 – On-Going	Registration
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Congress Classes & Workshop #2
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Congress Classes & Workshop #1
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Congress Classes & Layman's Workshop: The Deacon and Your Role
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Round Table Discussion (All Youth & Youth Workers)
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Worship – Greater Ft. Clarke M.B. Church, Pastor Stacey Graham

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Time	Activity
8:30 – On-Going	Registration
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Congress Class & Workshop #3
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Dean's Address: Sis. Sharon Foreman, Congress Dean
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Congress Classes & Pastors and Ministers Workshop
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Noble Sheep (All Youth & Youth Workers)
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Youth/Young Adult Scholarship Presentation
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	President's Address: Dr. Tyrone A. Blue, Congress President, Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church of Gainesville, FL