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WELCOME TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SSPB CONFERENCE

The **Thirty-seventh Annual SSPB Conference** will convene November 30–December 2, 2015, at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Throughout its thirty-six-year history the Conference has proven itself as a premier gathering of thousands of Christian educators. These pastors, teachers, church leaders, writers, and people with a passion for the work of Christian education come together to take part in educating, celebrating, and collaborating toward the common goal of equipping today's church to serve.

The Conference weds faith with practice through a dynamic range of plenary speakers, class and seminar leaders, workshop presentations, and worship experiences. Conferees will be challenged by and gain inspiration from more than thirty class offerings. Two of the highlights of this year's Conference are the overlapping Sunday School Superintendents' and Sunday School Teachers' Seminars.

The theme for this year's Conference is "Equipping Today's Church to Serve." The scriptural base is Ephesians 4:11-13: "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."¹

The **Conference** is unique in its nature through its efforts to include the following elements in every conference:

Informational—keeps ministry professionals on the cutting edge of areas that affect their ministry.

Inspirational—offers special worship experiences and offerings from God's Word that will serve to inspire all who attend.

Relational—through class sessions and other planned events, attendees will learn, grow, and be challenged and fed by experiencing one another during the Conference.

Please consider joining us in Nashville.

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2 LEARNING DIVISIONS • 5 SUBDIVISIONS • 30 CLASS OFFERINGS • 3 DAYS • 2 EVENTS

To maximize your learning experience, the SSPB Conference has been divided into two key divisions. Each division has its subdivisions broken up into classes that benefit our attendees.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

PASTOR'S TRAINING SUBDIVISION

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SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM SUBDIVISION

The Specialization Education Studies Program (SESP) is an advanced study program intended for those students who have completed the four phases of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP). It is designed for those persons desiring to focus on a selected area of Christian ministry. However, any interested attendee can register for specialization courses.

NEW for 2015 • 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINARS • NEW CLASS OFFERINGS

The **Sunday School Superintendents'** and **Sunday School Teachers' Seminars** will be held in conjunction with the 37th Annual SSPB Conference. As a seminar participant, you will be able to participate in all Conference plenary and worship sessions at no additional cost.

As a ministry leader, you are constantly searching for inspiration and instruction to expand your ministry. We understand. In three days of intensive training, the all-new seminars will transform the way you think about Sunday church school and improve the way you and your team work.

SUPERINTENDENTS' SEMINAR

The **Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar** is designed to provide superintendents with practical training experiences that will strengthen their leadership skills, assist in selecting and developing Sunday Church School teachers, and expose superintendents to SSPB curricula and other Christian education experiences that will assist in building a great Sunday Church School.

TEACHERS' SEMINAR

The **Sunday School Teachers' Seminar** is designed to assist teachers in discovering and understanding creative teaching methods, learning styles, lesson plan development, and student learning environments.

NEW CLASS OFFERINGS

- Equipping Laypersons to Serve
- Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth
- Intergenerational Ministry: Leading and Engaging Across Generational Boundaries
- Designing an Effective Young Adult Ministry
- Developing a Children's Music/Worship Ministry
- Discovering Self: "Developing Me"

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOV. 29	MONDAY, NOV. 30	TUESDAY, DEC. 1	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2
2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Registration	6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Registration	7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Registration	7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Concurrent Class Sessions
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Reception	7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Concurrent Class Sessions	7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Concurrent Class Sessions	7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Sunday School Seminars
	7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Sunday School Seminars	7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Sunday School Seminars	9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Next Level: SSPB Resources Overview
	9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary	9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. SSPB 2016 VBS Overview	10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Devotional Period
	10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Devotional Period	10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Devotional Period	10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Lecture
	10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Lecture	10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Lecture	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Sermon
	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Sermon	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Sermon	12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch-and-Learn Workshops
	12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch-and-Learn Workshops	12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch-and-Learn Workshops	1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. National Congress Dean's Orientation
	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Concurrent Class Sessions	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Concurrent Class Sessions	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Concurrent Class Sessions
	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Sunday School Seminars	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Sunday School Seminars	2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Sunday School Seminars
	7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Commencement Service

LUNCH-AND-LEARN WORKSHOPS

Audience: Open to all registered conferees

Timeframe: Monday – Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Workshop Registration Fees: \$75.00

Registration Fees Cover: Express Lunch and Workshop Materials

Workshop 1:

SSPB Vacation Bible School Workshop

Vacation Bible School (VBS) continues to be one of the most effective evangelistic opportunities for churches. Learn more about administering a successful and exciting VBS by utilizing the SSPB VBS resources. Come and discover proven ways to recruit volunteers, train teachers, increase attendance, and communicate the biblical principles offered in the 2016 SSPB VBS for leadership, teachers, and volunteers, using our Vacation Bible School materials.

Facilitator: Rev. Joe Ella Darby

Workshop 2:

SSPB Aspiring Writers Workshop

This workshop will provide hands-on training that assists persons aspiring to be writers of SSPB literature. Participants will engage in discussions, gain practical tips, and learn ways they can best support the ambition of the SSPB to develop and provide our audience with the highest-quality Christian literature and resources. This is a special focus on how our written communications can and must meet the needs and challenges of the twenty-first-century church leaders, educators, and members.

Facilitators: Rev. Wellington A. Johnson Sr., Rev. Emmanuel Reid, Dr. Karen Williams

SUPERINTENDENTS' SEMINAR

ESSENTIALS OF LEADERSHIP

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Audience: Sunday school superintendents, department heads, staff leaders

Time frame: This seminar grants a certificate of completion. Persons completing this intensive seminar will be recognized in a special ceremony.

Lecturer: Dr. James Blackburn

Module Facilitators: Rev. Benjamin E. V. Lett, Dr. Wilma Bachus

Credit Options for 2015: This Seminar track will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 6018—Organizing the Church School/Sunday School.

Materials: Workbook and handouts (Provided)

Registration fees cover: Plenary Sessions, Morning Lecture and afternoon modules, Seminar materials

Resources to be used:

- Effective Teaching Practices for 21st Century Christian Educators
- The Need for Urgency for Outreach and In-reach in the Sunday Church School
- Whatever Happened to Christian Evangelism?
- How to Have a Great Sunday School
- **Faith Series:** Sunday School Curriculum Product Line
- Townsend Press Sunday School Commentaries

MORNING LECTURE TOPICS:

Steps to a Healthy Sunday School (Monday–Wednesday)

This session will cover the role and benefits of Sunday school; the roles of the pastor and superintendent; and how to communicate the Sunday school's purpose to church leaders and the congregation.

AFTERNOON MODULE TOPICS:

Superintendents—Reaching and Growing Your Sunday Schools

This session will provide tools, resources, and the critical best necessary practices needed to grow and maintain a vibrant Sunday Church School.

Organizing for Effective Learning

This session emphasizes the value of grouping students of similar ages and with an appropriate number of teachers to provide quality learning and relationships in Sunday school. It will cover how to organize your teachers and students so that effective learning takes place; record-keeping plans; recommended teacher/student ratios; and sample ways to organize teachers, leaders, and workers for easy supervision.

Job Descriptions Do Make a Difference

This session will cover the benefits of written, up-to-date job descriptions. It will address how job descriptions help ensure that your teaching ministries run smoothly and assist in creating a sense of community among staff members. It will cover how to write and evaluate job descriptions; sample job descriptions you can adapt; and practical ideas for building teaching teams who care about and support each other.

Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers

This session emphasizes the importance of developing a long-term view of recruiting that includes the essential element of follow-up. It will cover how to identify, contact, and follow up with prospective teachers and other staff; guidelines for a complete volunteer survey of your congregation; tips for publicizing the staffing needs of your Sunday school; and steps to follow to train new staff members.

Sunday School Outreach: Plan and Organize for Growth

This session addresses the need to provide teachers a plan for contacting and connecting with un-churched students, visitors, and absentees. It will cover how to develop a plan of outreach that teachers and staff can put into practice; how to plan events that will attract un-churched people; how to identify and overcome barriers that prevent people from coming to your program; how to welcome and nurture visitors; and how to encourage relationships to be built among newcomers and regular attendees.

Facilities that Facilitate Learning: Working with What You Have

This session emphasizes the importance of a Sunday school providing rooms that meet the unique needs of each age level and the numerous practical ways to adapt inadequate facilities. It will cover how to calculate the amount of space and number of rooms needed; how to select and arrange appropriate furniture and equipment for each age level; and what to do when facilities are shared with other groups, when facilities do not fit current uses, or when you run out of space.

TEACHERS' SEMINAR

ESSENTIALS OF TEACHING

The **Sunday School Teachers' Seminar** is designed to assist teachers in discovering and understanding creative teaching methods, learning styles, lesson plan development, and student learning environments.

Audience: Sunday School teachers, teaching assistants, and volunteers

Timeframe: This seminar grants a certificate of completion. Persons completing this intensive seminar will be recognized in a special ceremony.

Lecturer: Dr. Mary McConnell

Module Facilitators: Mrs. Sheryl McDowney, Mrs. Lillian Holmes, Rev. Judith T. Lester

Credit Options for 2015: This Seminar track will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2023—Creative Ways of Teaching or for course 2022—Teaching Your Teachers to Teach.

Materials: Workbook and handouts (Provided)

Registration fees cover: Plenary Sessions, Morning Lecture and Afternoon Modules, Seminar materials

Resources to be used:

- Effective Teaching Practices for 21st Century Christian Educators
- The Need for Urgency for Outreach and In-reach in the Sunday Church School
- How to Have a Great Sunday School
- **Faith Series:** Sunday School Curriculum Product Line
- Townsend Press Sunday School Commentaries

MORNING LECTURE TOPICS:

The Call to Teach (Monday)

This session addresses the teacher's calling, commitment, and responsibility to the teaching ministry as well as the essential criteria and characteristics of effective teachers.

The Students You Teach (Tuesday)

This session addresses the importance of and the tools to build healthy teacher-and-student relationships.

Creating the Learning Environment (Wednesday)

This session provides information on how to create an effective learning environment where students will feel welcome.

AFTERNOON TRACK OPTIONS:

Sunday Church School Development Modules

Module One: "Equipping Today's Children's Sunday School Teacher"

This module provides tools for and insights into designing, developing, and conducting fun-filled and age-appropriate learning experiences that children will love.

Module Two: "Equipping Today's Youth Sunday School Teacher"

This module provides tools for and insights into designing, developing, and conducting engaging and age-appropriate Bible study experiences that will have youth asking for more.

Module Three: "Equipping Today's Adult Sunday School Teacher"

This module provides tools for and insights into designing, developing, and conducting engaging and life-changing Bible study experiences for adults of all ages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINAR DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	Gathering/Peer-Connect
8:00 a.m.	Lecture
9:30 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m.	Morning Plenary/Worship
12:00 p.m.	Lunch [On your own]
2:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
3:30 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m.	The Game Plan
4:30 p.m.	Q&A Session
4:45 p.m.	Next Steps/Prayer
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn
7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship

CONFERENCE SESSIONS • Morning Classes~7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

PASTOR'S TRAINING

1054—SURVEY OF AMOS (OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES)

Dr. Stanley Hillard
Houston, TX

9914—CONNECTING THE LOCAL CHURCH TO THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jonathan Blackburn
Wilmore, KY

9917—CHURCH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Dr. Geoffrey Guns
Norfolk, VA

CHURCH MINISTRIES

DESIGNING AN EFFECTIVE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Ms. Nicole Guns
Norfolk, VA

DEVELOPING A CHILDREN'S MUSIC/WORSHIP MINISTRY

Dr. Phyllis E. Johnson-Porter
Augusta, GA

CURRICULUM

LIVING THE BAPTIST FAITH (FORMERLY BTU)

Rev. James R. Banks II
Buffalo, NY

CERTIFICATION

2097—RETHINKING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CONTEMPORARY INNOVATIONS

Dr. Margarette Williams
Pine Bluff, AR

2099A—DEAN CERTIFICATION (PART I)

Dr. Carolyn Walker
Chicago, IL

2099C—DEAN CERTIFICATION (PART III)

Dr. Edward O. Williamson
White Plains, NY

4012—DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dr. Oliver K. Patterson
St. Louis, MO

6021—SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Rev. James McCarroll
Murfreesboro, TN

7014—EQUIPPING LAYPERSONS TO SERVE

Rev. Roscoe Cooper III
Richmond, VA

9004—WRITING TECHNIQUES I

Mrs. Letizia Conrad
Buffalo, NY

SPECIALIZATION

SP0016—CHURCH STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Dr. David F. Stephens
Macon, GA

CONFERENCE SESSIONS • Afternoon Classes~2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S TRAINING

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP JOINT SESSION

Dr. L. K. Curry
Chicago, IL

1094—SURVEY OF EPHESIANS

Dr. Johnny Flakes III
Columbus, GA

PASTOR'S ALTERNATIVE FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION (PATC)

Rev. Carlos Williams
Chattanooga, TN

DEVELOPING PASTORAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Dr. Robert C. Scott
St. Louis, MO

REACHING THE UNCHURCHED: PATHWAY TO CHURCH GROWTH

Dr. Michael W. Wesley Sr.
Birmingham, AL

CHURCH MINISTRIES

EDUCATION MINISTRY

Dr. Carol T. Mitchell
Omaha, NE

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Dr. Jarvis Collier
Kansas City, KS

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Dr. Nathan Johnson
Detroit, MI

CURRICULUM

DISCOVERING SELF: "DEVELOPING ME"

Dr. Antwion Yowe
Simpsonville, SC

CERTIFICATION

2015—FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Dr. Christopher Davis
Memphis, TN

2099B—DEAN CERTIFICATION (PART II)

Dr. Carolyn Walker
Chicago, IL

2099D—DEAN CERTIFICATION (PART IV)

Dr. Edward O. Williamson
White Plains, NY

2100—GUIDELINES FOR RECERTIFICATION OF DEANS

Rev. Rory Thompson
Houston, TX

5020—CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Dr. Leonard Favorite
Houston, TX

8066—CHRISTIANITY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Dr. L. D. Tate
Rockford, IL

SPECIALIZATION

SP0001—UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Dr. Geoffrey Guns
Norfolk, VA

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: LEADING AND ENGAGING ACROSS GENERATIONAL BOUNDARIES

Dr. Nathaniel Brooks
Herndon, VA

SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

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MORNING CLASSES

7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Training Subdivision

1054—Survey of Amos (Old Testament Studies)

This course is a survey of the book of Amos. Participants will focus on the authorship, the time, the message, and the themes of the book.

Instructor: Dr. Stanley Hillard, Houston, TX

9914—Connecting the Local Church to the Community

This course will consider the mission of the church to serve the community. Students will consider the biblical mandate for the church to be missionaries to the community and serve the spiritual, social, and physical needs of the people therein. This course will help students to better understand the spiritual nature of the church, thus creating an impetus to reach out as servants to the community.

Instructor: Rev. Jonathan Blackburn, Wilmore, KY

9917—Church Financial Management

This course will provide pastors with specific training and resources in the area of church finances and its relationship to church growth. It will emphasize the roles and responsibilities of pastors as they manage the total finance ministry of the church.

Instructor: Dr. Geoffrey Guns, Norfolk, VA

AFTERNOON JOINT SESSION

2:00 p.m.–2:50 p.m.

Pastoral Leadership

The Pastoral Leadership Joint Session is designed to inspire and rejuvenate ministers during the Conference.

Lecturer: Dr. L. K. Curry, Chicago, IL

AFTERNOON CLASSES

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Pastor's Training Subdivision

1094—Survey of Ephesians

This course will provide an overview of the book of Ephesians, with emphases on the authorship, date, themes, and recipients of this letter.

Instructor: Dr. Johnny Flakes III, Columbus, GA

Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)

This course is designed to provide an avenue for teacher certification for pastors with at least five years of pastoral experience. The PATC will introduce pastors to the Sunday School Publishing Board, discuss the concept of Pastor as Lead Christian Educator, and focus on various methods of teaching. The program requires a letter or letters from the church or churches that verifies five years of pastoral experience, and a subscription to **The Christian Education Informer**.

Instructor: Rev. Carlos Williams, Chattanooga, TN

Developing Pastoral Leadership Skills

This seminar is designed to introduce the new pastor to certain leadership skills necessary in leading a congregation—with focus on the first three to five years of pastoral leadership. Topics will include spiritual gifts inventory; understanding your personality; relationships (deacons, trustee, congregation, community, etc.); conducting church meetings; and understanding the congregation's history and culture.

Instructor: Dr. Robert C. Scott, St. Louis, MO

Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth

This class will provide pastors with strategies and techniques to lead a congregation through change and growth. Participants will consider the providence of God in His work to prepare the church for the twenty-first century. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for PATP course 9924—Congregational Leadership in the 21st Century: Leading the Congregation through Change.

Instructor: Dr. Michael W. Wesley Sr., Birmingham, AL

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Designing an Effective Young Adult Ministry

What does it look like for local churches to be truly committed to reaching young adults 18-35 in and outside of their congregations? What are the essentials of a highly effective Young Adult Ministry? Come and discover innovative and practical ways that any congregation can reach, engage, and minister to and with young adults in both their churches and communities. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2060—Understanding Young Adults.

Instructor: Ms. Nicole Guns, Norfolk, VA

Developing a Children's Music/Worship Ministry

This class is designed to share insights with persons interested in building high-quality music and worship ministries for and with children. The proven procedures, techniques, and materials will enhance your ability to reach and teach children the value of Christian music. These sessions will underscore the importance of engaging children in this vital ministry that enhances and shapes their entire spiritual life. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 2039—Children Learning to Worship, or course 2040—Children at Worship.

Instructor: Dr. Phyllis E. Johnson-Porter, Augusta, GA

AFTERNOON CLASSES

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Education Ministry

This class is designed to provide Christian educators with practical strategies/resources for mission and ministries. Various lectures and modules have been planned to complement the biblical text for our contemporary challenges as educators in the twenty-first century. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 6013—Organizing the Church for Christian Education.

Instructor: Dr. Carol T. Mitchell, Omaha, NE

Evangelism Ministry

This class is designed to train the church leaders and members to be outward-focused—faithful to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Creative church evangelism includes global and local missions, Christian service, and outreach. Come prepared to share your best practices and models, to be replicated by others. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 7005—Christian Evangelism.

Instructor: Dr. Jarvis Collier, Kansas City, KS

Worship Ministry

This course will focus on worship, its meaning, and its practice. This class is designed for pastors and musicians, music educators, and other people who are interested in worship and praise. Students will look at the role of technology, comparative worship styles, music styles, and other worship aids for the worship service. Come prepared to share your best practices and models, to be replicated by others. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for Specialization, Certificate of Worship and Fine Arts course SP0030—Christian Worship, or course 8003—Planning and Leading Christian Worship.

Instructor: Dr. Nathan Johnson, Detroit, MI

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MORNING CLASS

7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Living the Baptist Faith (Formerly BTU)

Why be and stay a Baptist? This is a critical question as many churches and individuals struggle with what it means to be Baptist in an age of rising non-denominationalism. This class is designed to help participants in knowing, understanding, and embracing their unique Baptist identity, history, doctrines, beliefs, and wonderful distinctive. The class will introduce students to a new and improved **Living the Baptist Faith** (formerly Baptist Training Union) training series, which includes new and exciting tools, and approaches that meet the needs of today's church. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 2011—Baptist Doctrine.

Instructor: Rev. James R. Banks II, Buffalo, NY

AFTERNOON CLASS

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Discovering Self: "Developing Me"

This class, based on the new **Discover Self** curriculum series by Dr. Antwion Yowe, provides three series of in-depth lessons that encourage participants to examine themselves and their lives from a Christ-centered perspective.

Instructor: Dr. Antwion Yowe, Simpsonville, SC

SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

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7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations

This course will examine the current trends, methodologies, and practices in Christian education to determine their validity and alliances with the Scriptures.

Instructor: Dr. Margarette Williams, Pine Bluff, AR

2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)

This course will review the history of Christian education in the life of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated. Primary emphasis will be placed on the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), its founders, and its objectives.

Instructor: Dr. Carolyn Walker, Chicago, IL

2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)

This course will review forms and administrative procedures in the planning and supervision of the Christian Leadership School.

Instructor: Dr. Edward O. Williamson, White Plains, NY

4012—Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Students will study the person and work of the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit activates God's power in our lives.

Instructor: Dr. Oliver K. Patterson, St. Louis, MO

6021—Spiritual Formation

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.

Instructor: Rev. James McCarroll, Murfreesboro, TN

7014—Equipping Laypersons to Serve

This course is designed to impress upon the laity that the work of the church is theirs, and the success of the church depends upon their growth and involvement.

Instructor: Rev. Roscoe Cooper III, Richmond, VA

9004—Writing Techniques I

This course focuses on the writing requirements for the Certificate of Progress Program. Emphasis will be placed on the development of skills necessary to complete the required writing assignments for Phase 2.

Instructor: Mrs. Letizia Conrad, Buffalo, NY

AFTERNOON CLASSES

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

2015—Foundation of Christian Ethics

This course is designed to help the participant to understand the philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics. Students will engage in biblical principles for decision making and conduct for living.

Instructor: Dr. Christopher Davis, Memphis, TN

2099B—Dean Certification (Part II)

This course will review the thirteen steps for accrediting Christian Leadership Schools.

Instructor: Dr. Carolyn Walker, Chicago, IL

2099D—Dean Certification (Part IV)

This course will prepare the students for internship and the administration of their first school, along with advising and guiding individual students through CLS programs.

Instructor: Dr. Edward O. Williamson, White Plains, NY

2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans

This course is designed for deans seeking recertification that is required every five (5) years. Students will discuss the roles and responsibilities of deans and their relationship with state Directors. Contemporary issues in Christian education, trends, and methods will be addressed as a portion of this course.

Instructor: Rev. Rory Thompson, Houston, TX

SCHEDULE AND SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

5020—Conflict Management

This course will examine basic biblical principles that students may apply to successfully maneuver through various conflicts that frequently arise in the church. Students will develop a model that can be utilized in conflict resolution. This course is an elective in the Certificate of Progress Program.

Instructor: Dr. Leonard Favorite, Houston, TX

8066—Christianity and Contemporary Issues

This course challenges the students to identify and confront contemporary issues affecting the church, home, and community. They will be encouraged to think through practical solutions and approaches to immediate and emerging social and ecclesiological concerns. (Phase 4)

Instructor: Dr. L. D. Tate, Rockford, IL

SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES PROGRAM SUBDIVISION

The Specialization Education Studies Program (SESP) is an advanced study program intended for those students who have completed the four phases of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP). It is designed for those persons desiring to focus on a selected area of Christian ministry. However, any interested attendee can register for specialization courses.

MORNING CLASS

7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

SP0016—Church Staff Development

This course is designed to assess the needs and purpose of the church so that the proper staff may be recruited, trained, and employed. Emphasis will be placed on job descriptions, communications, and leadership.

Instructor: Dr. David F. Stephens, Macon, GA

AFTERNOON CLASSES

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

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. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) course 1004—Effective Bible Reading.

Instructor: Dr. Geoffrey Guns, Norfolk, VA

Intergenerational Ministry: Leading and Engaging Across Generational Boundaries

With four different generations currently comprising many churches around the world, understanding the motivating factors of each generation promotes productivity and effective ministry collaboration. This engaging and interactive class is designed to focus on how we attend one another where we are—our congregations, families, and ministries—with the understanding that our participation in God’s mission happens at every age and stage of life. The overall aim of this discussion is to generate awareness and offer best practices for future application. **NEW Credit Options for the 2015 SSPB Conference:** This course may be accepted as an equivalency credit for Specialization, Certification of Christian Education course SP0010—Making Christian Education a Lifelong Experience.

Instructor: Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Herndon, VA

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE 2015 CONFERENCE?

- Pastors
- Christian educators
- Sunday School workers
- Church leaders
- Potential writers
- And many others...

PRE-CONFERENCE RECEPTION

Connect over Coffee, Conversation, and Dessert

Please join us on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a pre-Conference reception in the Governors Lobby. Connect with peers, chat with SSPB staffers, and have an opportunity to share one-on-one with the Executive Director. Admission is free to registered attendees.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Conferees are advised to take advantage of the general lectures and worship experiences. Each lecture is an independent presentation that is purposed to challenge us for preparedness to defend our faith with biblical integrity.

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The commencement service will be held Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. All persons who completed the Pastor's Alternative (PATC), Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP), Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), or Dean's Certification courses during 2015 are invited to participate. Graduation participants are to wear black.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU) CREDITS AVAILABLE

American Baptist College has agreed to grant Continuing Education Units (CEU) for courses offered at the Sunday School Publishing Board's Conference. No additional academic work will be required. Those who qualify for the SSPB Course Card will also be eligible to receive the CEU credit. The registration fee for the CEU credit will be \$50.

EQUIVALENCY CREDITS

Students may choose to enroll in a class that carries equivalency credit for another course. When meeting the requirements of a particular program of study, this course may only be used one time for credit for one course.

LODGING

The 2015 Conference and overlapping Sunday School Superintendents' and Sunday School Teachers' Seminars will take place at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville. We have negotiated a preferred room rate at the hotel. Space in our room block is limited, so reserve your room(s) right away. Hotel reservations can be made online (www.sspbnbc.com) as you register for the conference, or by calling the hotel directly. When you call the hotel to make reservations, please ask for the "Sunday School Publishing Board Group" for rate discounts. Hotel reservation deadline is **October 28, 2015**. Hotel cancellations must be received three (3) business days prior to the reservation date. ***Everyone who is booked for three nights or more will be entered into a SSPB Grand Prize Giveaway.**

Headquarters Hotel Name	Distance to Conference Center	Single/Double	Contact Information
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center	Connected	\$134.00 + 15.25% Tax	2800 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN 37214 877.382.7299

TRANSPORTATION

Nashville International Airport is only ten minutes away via a complimentary roundtrip hotel shuttle service offered on the hour and half-hour. From baggage claim, proceed to the phone bank and press button #46 to request pickup. Then proceed to the pickup area, which is one level down at ground transportation.

Courtesy cars will run between the airport and host hotel Sunday–Thursday. There will be transportation desks located at the airport in the baggage claim area and the lobby in the hotel.

MEALS

With restaurants only steps from meeting spaces, attendees can easily and conveniently continue the momentum of the sessions. Starting at breakfast and moving into lunch and dinner, Cascades serves modern classics. Open all day, Conservatory Café offers grab-and-go breakfast items, sandwiches, salads, and pastries. Cocoa Bean Coffee House serves grab-and-go fare. These are just a few eating places that have been suggested by the hotel, more so for breakfast (open at 6:00 a.m.).

Note: For an additional fee, an affordable three-day lunch meal package will be made available during the registration process. For your convenience, the lunches will be served in the Ryman Ballroom (adjacent to class sessions) each day.

PARKING

The parking rate for our guests will be \$7.00 self-parking rate per day (normally \$21.00). The Cascades parking lot is the closest to the hotel check-in. The Presidential self-parking lot is available as well.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, and you can't find the answers on the Web site, please call us at 1.800.359.9398, or email ewilliams@sspbnbc.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND RATES

Registration is required to participate in all plenary sessions, classes, workshops, and sponsored events. We encourage you to use our online registration. Confirmations are auto-generated and sent to the email address listed during the registration process. If you do not receive your confirmation, please contact the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials at 1.800.359.9398, ext. 5795 or 5771, to make sure you are registered. **Please Note:** No Phone Registrations.

If you are mailing your registration form (included in this brochure), please include your payment (check, cashier's check, money order, or credit card) and send to the Division of Christian Education, 330 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37201-1188. Major credit cards can be used for both online and mail-in registrations. A \$25 service charge will be applied to checks returned for insufficient funds.

EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registration begins Sunday, June 21, and runs through Sunday, September 27, 2015. The early registration discount fee must be received online (www.sspnbc.com) or via mail (postmarked) by September 27, 2015. The early registration fee is \$135 for one class and \$200 for two classes and will apply to all persons registering by September 27, 2015. *Use Coupon Code **2015SSPB** to receive discount when registering for two classes.

REGULAR REGISTRATION

Regular online and mail-in registrations begin September 28, 2015. The cutoff date for regular registration is November 8, 2015 (for online and mail-in registrations). The regular registration fee is \$160 for one class and \$225 for two classes and will apply to all persons registering after September 27 and those registering on-site. *Use Coupon Code **2015SSPB** to receive discount when registering for two classes.

SEMINARS

The early registration discount fee for the **Sunday School Superintendents' and Teachers' Seminars** is \$135 (includes morning lecture, afternoon modules). The regular registration fee is \$160.

PASTOR'S ALTERNATIVE

The **Pastor's Alternative** course is \$160 for one class and \$225 for two classes and is not eligible for the early registration discount.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

If you must cancel for any reason, please notify us by November 8, 2015. Your registration fee will be refunded less a fifty-dollar (\$50) nonrefundable cancellation fee. No cancellation reimbursements will be given for registrations received after November 8. However, the registrant may transfer registration to another person. This transaction must be done on-site and the person registering must present the registered delegate's receipt. Conference registrations are NOT transferable to the next year. All cancellation requests must be in writing and submitted by fax (615.242.2825) or e-mail (ewilliams@sspnbcc.com), or via regular mail. Written cancellations must be submitted and received before November 8.

REGISTER

REGISTRATION (ONE DELEGATE PER FORM)

A person may either register online at www.sspnbc.com or by completing and submitting the registration forms on pages 25-27; mail and make checks payable to: **Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials, 330 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37201-1188.**

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COURSE SELECTION

I am registering for the following: (Place a check in the box of your selection.)

THREE OPTIONS: YOU MAY SELECT

- the Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar;
- the Sunday School Teachers' Seminar; or
- select up to two classes [one morning class and/or one afternoon class from the Church Leadership or Christian Leadership School (CLS) Divisions.

OPTION 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' SEMINAR

Essentials of Leadership (see pages 8-9)

- Morning and Afternoon Sessions included (EQUIV—6018—Organizing the Church School/Sunday School)

OPTION 2

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' SEMINAR

Essentials of Teaching (see pages 10-11)

- Morning and Afternoon Sessions included (EQUIV—COPP 2022—Teaching Your Teachers to Teach, or 2023—Creative Ways of Teaching)

OPTION 3

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

Pastor's Training Subdivision (see pages 14-15)

MORNING CLASSES

- 1054—Survey of Amos
 9914—Connecting the Local Church to the Community
 9917—Church Financial Management

AFTERNOON CLASSES

- 1094—Survey of Ephesians
 Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)
 Developing Pastoral Leadership Skills

- Reaching the Unchurched: Pathway to Church Growth (EQUIV—PATP course 9924)

Church Ministries Subdivision (see pages 15-17)

MORNING CLASSES

- Designing an Effective Young Adult Ministry (EQUIV—course 2060)
 Developing a Children's Music/Worship Ministry (EQUIV—course 2039—Children Learning to Worship, or course 2040—Children at Worship)

AFTERNOON CLASSES

- Education Ministry (EQUIV—course 6013—Organizing the Church for Christian Education)
 Evangelism Ministry (EQUIV—course 7005—Christian Evangelism)
 Worship Ministry (EQUIV—Specialization course SP0030, or course 8003)

Curriculum Subdivision (see page 17)

MORNING CLASS

- Living the Baptist Faith (EQUIV—course 2011—Baptist Doctrine)

AFTERNOON CLASS

- Discovering Self: "Developing Me" (Young Adult Ministry)

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (CLS) DIVISION

Certification Subdivision (see pages 18-20)

MORNING CLASSES

- 2097—Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
 2099A—Dean Certification (Part I)
 2099C—Dean Certification (Part III)
 4012—Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
 6021—Spiritual Formation
 7014—Equipping Laypersons to Serve
 9004—Writing Techniques I

COURSE SELECTION

AFTERNOON CLASSES

- 2015—Foundation of Christian Ethics
 2099B—Dean Certification [Part II]
 2099D—Dean Certification [Part IV]
 2100—Guidelines for Recertification of Deans
 5020—Conflict Management
 8066—Christianity and Contemporary Issues

Specialization Education Studies Program Subdivision (see pages 20-21)

MORNING CLASS

- SP0016—Church Staff Development

PRICING INFORMATION

REGISTRATION	EARLY REGISTRATION	PRICING	REGULAR REGISTRATION	PRICING	PAID
Course Division [1 class]	June 21–Sept. 27, 2015	\$135.00	Sept. 28–Nov. 8, 2015	\$160.00	\$
Course Division [2 classes]		\$200.00		\$225.00	\$
Superintendents' Seminar		\$135.00		\$160.00	\$
Teachers' Seminar		\$135.00		\$160.00	\$
REGISTRATION	EARLY REGISTRATION	PRICING	REGULAR REGISTRATION	PRICING	PAID
Pastor's Alternative			June 21–Nov. 8, 2015	\$160.00	\$
Pastor's Alternative [2 classes]				\$225.00	\$
Plenary Sessions [Only]				\$75.00	\$
Lunch-and-Learn Workshop [Mon–Wed] rates include a daily boxed lunch				\$75.00	\$
Lunch Meal Package [Mon–Wed]				\$60.00	\$
Continuing Education Unit				\$50.00	\$

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