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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Forty-fourth Annual SSPB Conference will convene November 26–29, 2023, at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Over its forty-three-year history, the Conference has proven itself as a premier gathering of thousands of Christian educators. These pastors, teachers, church leaders, and people with a passion for Christian Education come together to educate, celebrate, and collaborate towards God's reign in our lives.

This Conference provides a three-day immersion experience of Christian education that weds faith with practice through a dynamic range of plenary speakers, class and seminar leaders, workshop presentations, and worship experiences. Conferees will be challenged and inspired by more than thirty class and workshop offerings. Two of the highlights of this year's Conference are the overlapping in-depth Church Ministry Leadership Seminars and the addition of Chaplain Ministry Courses.

Our theme for this year is "The Issachar Imperative: To Serve the Present Age." In his book The Post-Quarantine Church, Thom Rainer got it right when he said, "The post-quarantine era may prove to be one of the most challenging seasons for churches and leaders.... Without a doubt, the world has changed. Without a doubt, western culture has shifted; and it has shifted largely against churches. Without a doubt, most church leaders have not been trained and equipped for this new season. Still, it is a season of opportunity" (Rainer, 2020, p. 110). We are required to share our faith and sustain vital ministry in what, for us, is uncharted territory.

The hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have," considered antiquated by many, contains this timeless line:
To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill:
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!





Our charge moving forward is to "serve this present age." To do so, we must clearly understand and accept our current realities. As did the sons of Issachar, who understood their times and knew what Israel should do (see 1 Chronicles 12:32), we must "seize the day." It is a *kairos* time- *kairos* is an ancient Greek word meaning "opportunity," "season," or "fitting time." Indeed, more now than ever, it is imperative for the future thriving of our faith communities to accept our divine mission and calling by understanding its challenges and in and through the Spirit of God during this unique time in human history. If we do, in and through the power of God at work within us, our work, churches, and ministries will not merely survive or return to the status quo but thrive-flourish. To God be the glory!

Whether you attend the Conference year after year or are new to our event, it is our prayer that you will join us this year. We are anticipating another rich and rewarding experience.

For the Cause of Christ,

DR. DERRICK JACKSON

Executive Director



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

2:00 PM-7:00 PM Registration

Monday, November 27, 2023

6:00 AM-6:00 PM Registration

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Concurrent Class Sessions

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Church Ministry Leadership

Seminars

10:15 AM Opening Plenary

10:30 AM Lecture

11:30 AM Sermon

12:30 PM-1:30 PM Lunch-and-Learn Workshops

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Concurrent Class Sessions

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Church Ministry Leadership

Seminars

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Reception

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Concurrent Class Sessions

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Church Ministry Leadership

Seminars

10:15 AM Opening Plenary

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

10:30 AM Lecture

11:30 AM Sermon

12:30 PM-1:30 PM Lunch-and-Learn Workshops

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Concurrent Class Sessions

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Church Ministry Leadership

Seminars

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Concurrent Class Sessions

8:00 AM-10:00 AM Church Ministry Leadership

Seminars

10:15 AM Opening Plenary

10:30 AM Panel Discussion

11:30 AM Sermon

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch-and-Learn Workshops

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Concurrent Class Sessions

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Church Ministry Leadership

Seminars

6:00 PM Commencement





COURSE, SEMINAR, AND WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

CHAPLAINS MINISTRY (New in 2023)

Where Do We Go from Here: Reimagining Ministry and Leadership in A Post Pandemic Culture from A Pastoral Care Perspective

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

Pastors and Ministers Subdivision

Christians Against Christianity: Right-Wing Evangelicals, Our Nation, and Our Faith

Leading From the Second Chair: Serving Your Church and Realizing Your Call

New! Now! Next! Congregational Leadership that Builds a Vital and Healthy Congregation

The Emotional Healthy Leader: Withstanding the Pressures of Leadership

The Hybrid Church: Grow Your Digital Ministry to Grow Your Church

The Innovative Church: How Leaders and Their Congregations Are Adapting in an Ever-Changing World

Church Ministries Subdivision

A Holistic Approach to Ministering to Generation Z

Anatomy of a Revived Church

Building and Sustaining Resilience: Faith Practices to Flourish in Chaotic Times

From Social Media to Social Ministry: A Guide to Digital Discipleship

Man to Man: Principles, Attitudes, and Priorities for Godly Living

Meet Generation Alpha: Ministry Strategies for Today's Children

Millennials, Faith, and the Future of the Black Church

Sisters Strengthening Sisters

To Serve the Present Age: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DIVISION

Certification Subdivision

1104-The Book of James

2097–Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations

2099A-Dean Certification (Part I)

2099B-Dean Certification (Part II)

2099C-Dean Certification (Part III)

2099D-Dean Certification (Part IV)

2100-Guidelines for Recertification of Deans

Be Restored! God's Power for African American Women

Believing As Baptists

Charting New Territory for Christian Education

The Work of the Deacon and the Trustee

Specialization Education Studies Subdivision

SP0021-Conflict Management in the Ministry

SP0020–Leadership Principles and Strategies

CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Sunday School Superintendents'

Seminars: Essentials of Leadership: Levels 1-3

Sunday School Teachers' Seminars:

Essentials of Teaching:

Levels 1-3

SEMINARS

LUNCH-AND-LEARN WORKSHOPS

Church Safety and Security Workshop

Helping Our Children Heal Workshop

MMBB Financial Wellness: Your MMBB

Benefits: What's in It for You

Transformative FAITH Sunday School

Workshop

Vacation Bible School Workshop



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SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

CHAPLAINS MINISTRY

MORNING/AFTERNOON CLASS

Where Do We Go from Here: Reimagining Ministry and Leadership in A Post Pandemic Culture from A Pastoral Care Perspective

This course will address building resiliency personal and congregational in the face of fatigue, isolation, and change, in a post Covid climate. Afternoon sessions will feature round table discussions about the morning didactic.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

PASTORS AND MINISTERS SUBDIVISION

The Pastors and Ministers Subdivision is designed to aid pastors in understanding their role of moving people from membership to discipleship. Pastors will listen to strategies and share in discussions with other pastors regarding ministry for the twenty-first century. The Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC) is an alternative to Phase I of the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) designed to provide an avenue for teacher certification for pastors with at least three to five years of pastoral experience. The student will receive a certificate for completing the PATC. The Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP) is an extended advanced study program intended for pastors and consists of Phases II-IV. If enrolled in this program, the student will receive a *Diploma of Pastoral Studies* after completing the phases. A pastor may take these classes for general continuing education without enrolling for credit hours.

MORNING CLASSES

The Emotional Healthy Leader: Withstanding the Pressures of Leadership (PATP)

This course will explore the dimensions of spirituality that should characterize the life of the faithful minister. Students will deal with the connectedness of the preacher's devotional life, leadership tasks, relationships, and ways to transform the inner life; thus, leading a transforming church.

Credit Option: 9902-The Spiritual Life of the Minister

Instructor: Dr. Paul Lee, Philadelphia, PA





The Hybrid Church: Grow Your Digital Ministry to Grow Your Church (PATP)

This course shares the why's and how-tos of expanding your church's digital ministry to reach more people—virtually and physically. It will share how doing so will add to your church membership: people for a church, those whose who have not returned to the church, those who want to worship alone, and the next generation that is digital first (Millennials and Gen Z).

Credit Option: 9914-Connecting the Local Church to the Community

Instructor: Reverend Reginald Buckley, Jackson, MS

New! Now! Next! Congregational Leadership that Builds a Vital and Healthy Congregation

The pandemic has changed how the Church operates. As a result, pastors will need to rethink their leadership style. This course will help participants determine and lead the congregation to develop theological convictions that produce a healthy and vital congregation. Class participation will discuss what they believe about leadership and how their belief influences a congregation and leads to growth.

Credit Option: 9924–Congregational Leadership in the Twenty-first Century

Instructor: Dr. Christopher Davis, Memphis, TN

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Christians Against Christianity: Right-Wing Evangelicals, Our Nation, and Our Faith

This course offers a critique of the emerging extremism of the evangelical Right Christian Nationalist Movement, its historical roots from the Civil War, the period of Reconstruction, and the Civil Rights and beyond. It will provide advice on how all Christians can return to the authentic roots of our faith, which is rooted in the life-affirming message Jesus brought and died for.

Credit Option: 9922-The History and Continuing Role of the African American Church in America

Instructor: Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns, Norfolk, VA

Leading From the Second Chair: Serving Your Church and Realizing Your Call

This course is for church and ministry leaders who serve in second- (and third- and fourth-) chair roles, designed to enable them to become more productive, proactive, and fulfilled. This class addresses the paradoxes of second-chair leadership. Come discover how to be a supportive subordinate, and a top-notch leader, and role model. Learn how to be fulfilled in your current role yet remain enthusiastic about your dreams for the future.





Credit Option: 9912–Seminar for Young Pastors and Ministers

Instructor: Dr. Carlos Williams, Dallas, TX

The Innovative Church: How Leaders and Their Congregations Are Adapting in an Ever-Changing World

The church as we know it is calibrated for a world that no longer exists. It needs to be recalibrated to address the questions that animate today's congregants. This class explores the role of Christian practices in re-tooling the church for the twenty-first century. It offers church leaders innovative ways to express the never-changing gospel to their ever-changing congregations.

Credit Option: 7001–Building Healthy Churches **Instructor:** Dr. Edward Williamson, White Plains, NY

CHURCH MINISTRIES SUBDIVISION

The Church Ministries Subdivision provides in-depth opportunities for training church leaders in specific areas of ministry in the local church. Lectures and workshop modules will be used to maximize timely information and subject materials. These classes are both informational and inspirational.

MORNING CLASSES

Building and Sustaining Resilience: Faith Practices to Flourish in Chaotic Times

This course offers Scriptural guidance and tools to thrive in this broken and chaotic world. It outlines easy-to-use steps and proven practices that help you to bounce back, survive, and flourish by slowing down, allowing the Holy Spirit to transform your life, and deepening your relationship with God.

Credit Option: 6021–Spiritual Formation **Instructor:** Dr. Robert C. Scott, Charlotte, NC

From Social Media to Social Ministry: A Guide to Digital Discipleship

This course will explore how the church can use technology to share the Gospel of Jesus (life, liberty, and righteousness) to make disciples. Emphasis will be on how a congregation's leadership can connect and stay connected to members.

Credit Option: SP0029–www.Ministry **instructor:** Ms. Ebonee Pope, Norfolk, VA





Man to Man: Principles, Attitudes, and Priorities for Godly Living

In this course, we will explore examples of masculinity from the Bible that inspire men to follow the example of Jesus. By doing so, they will be freed to embrace their true identity as sons of God, uniquely reflecting His image.

Credit Option: 7019-How to Become a Strong, Christian Black Man

Instructor: Dr. Stanley Hillard, Houston, TX

Meet Generation Alpha: Ministry Strategies for Today's Children

Generation Alpha (born between 2010 and 2024) is the most globally connected generation of children ever. They live in an era of rapid change and a barrage of good, bad, and fake information. This workshop provides a four-fold approach to gospel-centered, missional children's ministry: hospitality, teaching, discipleship, and mission. You will learn this generation's unique characteristics and needs, how to recruit volunteers, partner with parents, navigate church politics, expand your ministry team, and care for your own soul.

Credit Option: 2037–Developing a Children's Ministry in the Local Church; 2043–Youth Ministry in the Black Church

Instructor: Cynthia Hillery-Jackson, Atlanta, GA

Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women

One must show grace to self before showing grace to others. Participants will focus on biblical, practical strategies that women's ministry can use to help others fulfill their God-given potential and lead a transforming life.

Credit Option: 7018–How to Become a Strong, Christian, Black Woman

Instructor: Dr. Sharon Caldwell, Nashville, TN

AFTERNOON CLASSES

A Holistic Approach to Ministering to Generation Z

To disciple the youth today, we must understand Generation Z's unique characteristics and apply lessons learned from recent decades of youth ministry. This course will include an overview of Generation Z's beliefs, attitudes, and practices and provide a complete plan for discipling adolescents, engaging parents, and working with church staff and volunteers. It offers youth leaders and ministers tools to equip, grow, and encourage today's youth to follow Christ and their ministry to the next level.

Credit Option: 7012-Youth Discipleship

Instructor: Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Birmingham, AL





Anatomy of a Revived Church

"Change or Die" This course will guide you through the seven findings of a revived church discussed by Thom Rainer in his book Anatomy of a Revived Church. Rainer's research focuses on hundreds of churches on the path toward death and how they turn around. Class participants will engage in the tough questions of change in the Church.

Instructor: Dr. Johnny Flakes, III, Columbus, GA

Millennials, Faith, and the Future of the Black Church

As the largest living generation, millennials are one of today's most studied but misunderstood groups. This course will guide you beyond the stats of what black millennials are doing today and why they're doing it. It will provide a profile of today's black millennials to help churches attract and make more effective disciples of this emerging generation of young adults. Learn how to use their unique gifts and experience to sustain their church and catapult it into a pacesetting ministry model.

Credit Option: 2061–Millennials in Ministry **Instructor:** Rev. Nicole Guns, Norfolk, VA

Sisters Strengthening Sisters

This course will emphasize the biblical admonition to "encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV). There will be reflections, insight and discussions on how women can better grow personally and spiritually, along with how to strengthen their overall health and wellness.

Credit Option: 7018-How to Become a Strong, Christian, Black Woman

Instructor: Ms. Elyssa M. Lassiter, M.S. ACC, Atlanta, GA

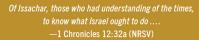
To Serve the Present Age: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church

This course explores the biblical foundations for justice work that goes beyond charity and builds on the storied history of the Black church's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. It addresses the contemporary need for justice ministries in the congregation and the community. Discover the transforming impact the church can have on society, culture, and community through diverse social justice ministries.

Credit Option: 8035–African American Church and Social Justice

Instructor: Dr. Luther Shellwood Allen, Richmond, VA

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DIVISION







CERTIFICATION SUBDIVISION

This subdivision is designed to acquaint moderators, congress presidents, state directors, deans, and instructors with the policies and procedures governing Christian Leadership Schools. The Christian Leadership School functions under the auspices of the local church, district, state, or the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Courses in this section will assist students in completing the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) and address the process and requirements for leadership school accreditation, certification, and the recertification of deans and instructors.

MORNING CLASSES

1104-The Book of James

The study of the letter of James—with emphases on authorship, date, theme, and recipients—will offer an excellent tool for students looking for a more practical application of their faith.

Instructor: Dr. Terrance Chandler Harrison, Clarksville, TN

2099A/B-Dean Certification (Parts I and II)

The class will focus on the historical foundations and innovations of "religious" Christian education. 2099A will focus on "Christian education," historical trends, current developments, and the future of theological education in the United States of America. The class will introduce students to virtual learning.

This class will focus on leadership and team building. 2099B will focus on the skills, strategies, and training to build reliable and efficient CLS leadership and CLS. The discussion topics are leadership development, team building, and mentoring students. In addition, the course will introduce students to online learning and video platforms for hosting meetings and virtual training.

Instructor: Dr. Benjamin E. V. Lett, Athens, GA

2100-Guidelines for Recertification of Deans

The class will focus on the administrative, leadership, and management skills needed to maintain a CLS. In addition, 2100 will explore current trends in Christian education organizations and leadership.

Instructor: Mrs. Lawana Griffin, Gary, IN

The Work of the Deacon and the Trustee

This course is focused on the working relationship between church deacons and trustees. Each position has unique responsibilities and functions in the local congregation. This course will offer guidelines as to how the two work together and maintain the distinction between the responsibilities of each. Additionally the instructor will cover the biblical foundation for deacons and explore the trustee's responsibility as manager of the Church's property.





Credit Options: 5012-Becoming an Effective Deacon or 6003 - The Work of the Trustee

Instructor: Dr. Shelton Murphy, Norfolk, VA

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Believing As Baptists

Denominationalism has been in decline for several years. This course examines some Baptist Christians' crucial beliefs and practices, answering the question, "Why do I believe as a Baptist?" Then, students will focus on biblical texts that support Baptist beliefs and practices.

Credit Options: 2011-Baptist Doctrine or 9906-Baptist Belief and Practices

Instructor: Dr. George Brooks Sr., Nashville, TN

Be Restored! God's Power for African American Women

In this class, attendees will engage in conversation, encourage each other, ask thought provoking questions, and have authentic discussions. They will also hear an inspiring story about how God used Nehemiah to restore Israel's homeland and people after the devastation of war. By doing so, they will learn a blueprint for personal restoration and renew their commitment as women of God, individually and as a group.

Credit Option: 1027–Survey of Nehemiah **Instructor:** Dr. Debra Berry, Hendersonville, TN

Charting New Territory for Christian Education

Christian Education has changed! As a result, churches must grapple with how to organize and staff the Christian Education Ministry post-COVID. This course will examine what happened and the changes the Church can make to sustain a vibrant Christian Education Ministry.

Credit Option: 6013–Organizing the Church for Christian Education

Instructor: Dr. Terrence Chandler-Harrison, Clarksville, TN

2097–Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations

This class will focus on enhancing teaching skills. 2097 examines the current trends, methodologies, technological advances, and practices in Christian education and Christian teaching.

Instructor: Dr. Carolyn C. Walker, Chicago, IL





2099C/D-Dean Certification (Parts III and IV)

This class will focus on developing a Christian education ministry. 2099 C will focus on the CLS to provide Christian education for the local Church ministry, district associations, and state conventions. Discussions will focus on the paperwork, the people, and the place for having a CLS. Participants will go through the steps of organizing and leading a CLS and how to complete paperwork online.

The class will focus on organizational skills, time management, and leadership development. 2099 D will focus on team building, leadership, and technologies to prepare deans for the first CLS. Students will also have an extensive review of what they learned in the three previous Dean certification sections. The class will continue the training on various online learning platforms for delivering Christian education.

Instructor: Dr. Benjamin E. V. Lett, Athens, GA

SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES 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). In addition, it is designed for those persons desiring to focus on a selected area of Christian ministry. However, any interested delegate can register for specialization courses.

MORNING CLASS

SP0021-Conflict Management in the Ministry

This course will look at the church as a living organism of interconnected relationships and recognize that conflicts occur. Students will look at ways to avoid and manage the conflicts that will seriously interrupt the church's ministry.

Instructor: Rev. Rory L. Thompson, Houston, TX

AFTERNOON CLASS

SP0020–Leadership Principles and Strategies

This course will examine selected biblical principles as a foundation for a religious organization's leadership and strategic development. The course will also emphasize developing a leadership philosophy, studying, and evaluating one's leadership style, working with staff and other administrators to create and implement the organization's mission, and managing the stress of leadership.

Instructor: Dr. René Brown, Baton Rouge, LA





CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars: Essentials of Leadership

This three-year cohort seminar grants a certificate of completion for each level. In addition, persons completing the three-year program will qualify for graduation.

The Sunday School Superintendents' Seminars provide superintendents with practical training experiences that will strengthen their leadership skills, assist in selecting and developing Sunday church school teachers, and expose them to SSPB curricula and other Christian education resources that will aid them in building a vibrant and growing Sunday church school.

Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership: Level One

Morning Lectures: These sessions will cover the role and benefits of Sunday church school, the roles of the pastor and superintendent, and how to communicate the Sunday church school's purpose to church leaders and the congregation.

Afternoon Modules: These sessions will cover the following topics: "Superintendents—Reaching and Growing Your Sunday Church School"; "Organizing for Effective Learning"; "Job Descriptions Do Make a Difference"; "Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers"; "Sunday School Outreach: Plan and Organize for Growth"; and "Facilities that Facilitate Learning: Working with What You Have."

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for Course 6018–Organizing the Church School/Sunday School.

Lecturer/Facilitator: Rev. Chantaye Knotts, Huntsville, AL

Sunday School Superintendents': Essentials of Leadership: Level Two (Prerequisite: Essentials of Leadership: Level One)

Morning Lectures: These sessions will focus on principles for growing one's Sunday church school both qualitatively and quantitatively by addressing the following topics: "Rules of Winning"; "Producing Reproducers"; and "Growth Factors."

Afternoon Modules: These sessions will cover the following topics: "Keys to a Healthy Children's Sunday School"; "Keys to a Healthy Youth Sunday School"; and "Keys to a Healthy Adult Sunday School."

Credit Option: SP0008-Christian Education Ministry to the Whole Church

Lecturers/Facilitators: Dr. Michael O. Minor, Memphis, TN and Ms. Loretta Miller, Memphis, TN





Sunday School Superintendents': Essentials of Leadership - How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially: Level Three (Prerequisite: Essentials of Leadership: Level Two)

This seminar will help participants with proven strategies to strengthen and grow their Sunday church school ministry. Participants who complete the sessions will be qualified to train others and be provided with reproducible, easy-to-use handouts, presentations, and materials to share with their local congregations.

Credit Option: This seminar will be accepted as an equivalency credit for course 7015–Growing the Church through the Sunday School.

Lecturer/Facilitator: Mrs. Jacqueline Mack, Jackson, MS

Sunday School Teachers' Seminars: Essentials of Teaching

This seminar grants a certificate of completion for each level. In addition, people completing the three-year program will qualify for graduation.

The Sunday School Teachers' Seminars assist teachers in discovering and understanding creative teaching methods, learning styles, lesson-plan development, small-group dynamics, and student learning environments.

Sunday School Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching: Level One

Morning and Afternoon Topics: These sessions will cover the following topics: "The Call to Teach"; "The Students You Teach"; and "Creating the Learning Environment."

Credit Option: 2023–Creative Ways of Teaching, 2022–Teaching Your Teachers to Teach

Lecturer/Facilitator: Dr. Mary E. McConnell, Kansas City, KS

Sunday School Teachers': Essentials of Teaching: Level Two (Prerequisite: Essentials of Teaching: Level One)

Morning and Afternoon Topics: These sessions will cover the following topics: "The Call to Teach"; "The Students You Teach"; and "Creating the Learning Environment."

Credit Option: 2022–Teaching Your Teachers to Teach

Lecturer/Facilitator: Mrs. Sheryl McDowney, Richmond, VA





Sunday School Teachers': Essentials of Teaching—Maximizing Your Curriculum: Level Three (Prerequisite: Essentials of Teaching: Level Two)

This three-day seminar will provide comprehensive hands-on demonstrations and tips on how to maximize the Sunday school curriculum. Participants who complete the sessions will be qualified to train others and be supplied with reproducible, easy-to-use handouts.

Credit Option: 2019–Guide to Curriculum Development, Evaluation, and Selection

Facilitator: Ms. Michelle Thierry, Clayton, NC





LUNCH-AND-LEARN WORKSHOPS

Church Safety and Security Workshop

Today, violence in churches is on the rise, and church leaders are looking for ways to improve their ability to respond to these threats. Are you ready if it happens in your church? Recent events, and others, have brought forward the urgency for churches to equip "watchmen" and "gatekeepers" to respond to threats aimed at their congregation. The church Safety and Security Workshop will train, educate, and prepare individuals on the basic needs for the safety of your church.

Facilitator: Assistant Chief Travis J. Cox, Florida Professional Emergency Manager, Jacksonville, FL

Helping Our Children Heal Workshop

Over a third of high school students reported mental health challenges during the pandemic. How can the Church provide support to children and families? This workshop will provide resources and practical strategies to help Children Ministry Leaders guide children and youth through difficult experiences.

Facilitator: Dr. Della Bacote, Nashville, TN

MMBB Financial Wellness: Your MMBB Benefits: What's in It for You

This course will offer you peace of mind and financial security. In addition, you will learn how to adequately prepare for retirement so you will be able to retire with dignity.

Facilitators: MMBB Representatives (The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board)

Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop

This workshop emphasizes the importance of Sunday school to the vitality of the local church and the spiritual maturity of Christians. It introduces church leaders, teachers, and volunteers to the rich and engaging content of the Faith Series Sunday school curriculum product line. Discover resources and best practices needed to grow and maintain strong and vibrant Sunday church schools.

Facilitator: Rev. Chantaye Knotts, SSPB Adult Editor

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 2024 SSPB VBS.

Facilitator: Rev. Joe Ella Darby, SSPB VBS Coordinator





HOUSING INFORMATION

The Conference will take place at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. We have negotiated a preferred room rate at the hotel. Unfortunately, space in our room block is limited, so reserve your room right away. Make your room reservations online through the conference website: www.sspbnbc.com—where there is a direct link to the hotel's online reservation system—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. The hotel reservation deadline is Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Hotel cancellations must be received three (3) business days before the reservation date.

In-room amenities will include the following:

- High speed in-room wireless Internet access
- Unlimited local and long-distance calls
- Daily scheduled Complex Shuttle Service to Grand Ole Opry House, Opry Mills, General Jackson Showboat, and The Inn at Opryland
- Bottled water replenished once daily.
- Daily credit of up to \$10 per room towards dry cleaning
- Gaylord Springs Golf Links practice range access, a daily bucket of balls, and shuttle
- Wildhorse Saloon cover charge up to 4 guests (restrictions apply)
- Opry Mills Savings Passport worth hundreds of dollars in additional savings

Headquarters Hotel Name	Distance to Conference Center	Single/Double Occupancy	Contact Information
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center 2800 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN 36214	Connected	\$189.00 + 15.25% Tax	877.382.7299 or 615.889.1000





GENERAL INFORMATION

MEET AND GREET RECEPTION

Please save the date for our upcoming event on Monday, November 27, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. You will have the chance to enjoy live music, enjoy food, and connect with other conference attendees, meet representatives from SSPB, and gain valuable insights about our corporate sponsors. We look forward to seeing you there!

NOTE: Capacity at this event is limited and early registration is encouraged to ensure participation. RSVPs are required.

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The commencement service will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. All persons who completed the Pastor's Alternative (PATC), Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP), Certificate of Progress Program (COPP), Sunday School Training Seminars, or Dean's Certification courses during 2022 and 2023 are invited to participate. All graduation participants are to wear black. Please check with the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials for additional information.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU) CREDITS AVAILABLE

American Baptist College will grant Continuing Education Units (CEU) for courses offered at The Sunday School Publishing Board's Conference of Christian Education. 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. More information will be available at the Conference in Nashville.

EQUIVALENCY CREDITS

Students may choose to enroll in a class that carries equivalency credit for another course. However, when meeting the requirements of a particular program of study, the student can use the course one time. For example, if the course card (certificate) is submitted for Specialization credit, it cannot be used for a COPP credit.

LUNCH-AND-LEARN WORKSHOPS

The Lunch-and-Learn workshops are open to all registered conferees. The timeframe is Monday–Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.– 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Workshop Materials are included in the registration fees.





GENERAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL MEAL PACKAGE OPTION

For an additional fee, an affordable three-day meal package (breakfast and lunch) will be made available during the registration process. For your convenience, breakfast and lunch will be served in the main gathering area daily.

RESTAURANTS

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.).

TRANSPORTATION

Courtesy cars will run between the airport and host hotel Sunday—Thursday. In addition, there will be transportation desks located at the airport in the baggage claim area and the hotel lobby.

PARKING

The parking rate for our guests will be \$12.00 self-parking rate per day (usually \$34.00).

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

First Baptist Church Gallatin

290 E Winchester Street Rev. Derrick L. Jackson, Pastor 8:00 a.m./10:45 a.m. Worship Service (615) 452-8189

Spruce Street Baptist Church

504 Spruce Street Rev. Eric D. Williams, Pastor 10:45 a.m. Worship Service (615) 329-4105

First Baptist Church East Nashville

601 Main Street Rev. Morris E. Tipton, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (615) 254-6268

Friendship Baptist Church

1109 32nd Avenue North Rev. Jimmie D. Greer Sr., Pastor 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (615) 329-9363

Galilee Baptist Church

2021 Herman Street Rev. William Harris, Pastor 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (615) 327-3578

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

2416 Clifton Avenue Rev. Theodore Bryson, Pastor 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (615) 320-7242





REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participants must register for plenary sessions or classes, workshops, and sponsored events. You are encouraged to register online at www.sspbnbc.com. Confirmations are automatically generated and sent to the email address listed. Contact the Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials at 800-359-9398, ext. 5773, if you do not receive an email confirmation or to ensure you are registered. (Please Note: No Phone Registrations.)

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Please notify the SSPB immediately of the cancellation. The SSPB will refund the registration fee minus a fifty-dollar (\$50) nonrefundable cancellation fee for individual registrations. An attendee can transfer their registration to another person attending the Conference. The person attending will complete the transaction before the Conference or on-site. The person registering must present the registered delegate's registration receipt. Conference registrations are NOT transferable to the following year. All cancellation requests must be in writing via email, fax, or mail within fifteen (15) days after the Conference.

PRICING INFORMATION

Discount Code: SSPB2023 – The discount code is for two (2) courses only. Seminars and Lunch-and-Learn Workshops do not apply.

Early Registration June 12–September 1, 2023	Pricing	Regular Registration September 2–November 13, 2023	Pricing	
1 Class	\$145.00	1 Class	\$170.00	
2 Classes	\$210.00	2 Classes	\$235.00	
Church Ministry Leadership Seminar	\$145.00	Church Ministry Leadership Seminar	\$170.00	
Plenary Session	\$85.00	Plenary Session	\$85.00	
Lunch and Learn Workshop (Includes a boxed lunch daily.)	\$90.00	Lunch and Learn Workshop (Includes a boxed lunch daily.)	\$90.00	
Breakfast and Lunch—Mon–Wed (Special Savings)	\$125.00	Breakfast and Lunch—Mon–Wed (Special Savings)	\$125.00	
Breakfast Only—Mon–Wed	\$75.00	Breakfast Only—Mon–Wed	\$75.00	
Lunch OnlyMon-Wed	\$75.00	Lunch OnlyMon-Wed	\$75.00	
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REGISTRATION FORM [ONE PER CONFERENCE]

Please complete the registration form and return it to the Division of Christian Education, P.O. Box 70990, Nashville, TN 37207-0990. These major credit cards (AMEX, Master Card, and VISA) can be used for online and mail-in registrations. Make checks and money orders payable to the Division of Christian Education. A \$25 service charge will be applied to checks returned for insufficient funds. All registration confirmations will be emailed to the email address provided on the registration form unless notified otherwise. You may register online at **www.sspbnbc.com**.

Personal Contact Information	on		
First Name	Middle Initial		Last Name
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number			Other (Cell) Phone Number
Email Address (Use the email address	ss where you want the registration confirm	mation sent to.)	
Church's Contact Informat	ion		
Pastor's Last Name	First Name	Telep	hone Number
Pastor's Email Address			
Church's Name			
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Church Email Address		Church Telep	phone Number





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COURSE SELECTION

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

OPTIONS:

- 1. You may select the Chaplain Ministry class, or
- 2. Select One (1) Church Ministry Leadership Seminar; or
- 3. Select up to **Two (2) Classes** [one morning and/or one afternoon class from the Church Leadership or Christian Leadership (CLS) Divisions].





OPTION 1: CHAPLAINS MINISTRY (Chaplains Only)

Where Do We Go from Here: Reimagining Ministry and Leadership in A Post Pandemic Culture from A Pas-
toral Care Perspective

OPTION 2: CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

- ☐ Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership-Level I
- ☐ Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership-Level II
- Superintendents' Seminar: How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially-Level III
- Teacher's Seminar: Essentials of Teaching-Level I
- Teacher's Seminar: Essentials of Teaching-Level II
- Teachers' Seminar: Maximizing Your Curriculum-Level III

OPTION 3: COURSES

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

Pastors and Ministers Subdivision

Morning Classes

- The Emotional Healthy Leader: Withstanding the Pressures of Leadership
- ☐ The Hybrid Church: Grow Your Digital Ministry to Grow Your Church
- New! Now! Next! Congregational Leadership that Builds a Vital and Healthy Congregation

Afternoon Classes

- Christians Against Christianity: Right-Wing Evangelicals, Our Nation, and Our Faith
- ☐ Leading From the Second Chair: Serving Your Church and Realizing Your Call
- ☐ The Innovative Church: How Leaders and Their Congregations Are Adapting in an Ever-Changing World

Church Ministries Subdivision

Morning Classes

- Building and Sustaining Resilience: Faith Practices to Flourish in Chaotic Times
- From Social Media to Social Ministry: A Guide to Digital Discipleship



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	Meet Generation Alpha: Ministry Strategies for Today's Children
	Man to Man: Principles, Attitudes, and Priorities for Godly Living
	Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women
Aft	ernoon Classes
	A Holistic Approach to Ministering to Generation Z
	Anatomy of a Revived Church
	Millennials, Faith, and the Future of the Black Church
	Sisters Strengthening Sisters
	To Serve the Present Age: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church
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SPECIALIZATION EDUCATION STUDIES SUBDIVISION

Morning Class

☐ SP0021-Conflict Management in the Ministry

Afternoon Class

□ SP0020–Leadership Principles and Strategies

LUNCH-AND-LEARN WORKSHOPS

- Church Safety and Security Workshop
- Helping Our Children Heal Workshop
- ☐ Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop
- □ Vacation Bible School Workshop
- MMBB Financial Wellness Workshop

RECEPTION

- □ I will attend
- I will not attend



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