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**December 1-4, 2024**

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# CONFERENCE WEEK EVENTS

## **CONFERENCE ORIENTATION**

Join us for an on-site orientation on Sunday afternoon, designed to share helpful information and answer questions about the conference.

## **WELCOME GATHERING**

Join us Monday evening for music, food, and fellowship. Hosted by Dr. Derrick Jackson and the SSPB Conference Staff.

## **YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUR**

Connect with peers over Coffee, Conversation, and Dessert on Tuesday evening.

## **T-SHIRT DAY**

Plan to show your pride and wear your Conference T-Shirt on Tuesday.

## **AWARDS PRESENTATIONS AND GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Join us as we recognize the 2024 graduating class and outstanding Christian Educators on Wednesday evening.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The *Forty-fifth Annual SSPB Conference*, a unique and inspiring gathering of Christian educators, will take place from December 1-4, 2024, at the prestigious Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. This Conference, with a rich history spanning over forty-four years, is not just a meeting but a celebration of Christian education. It brings together pastors, teachers, church leaders, and individuals passionate about Christian Education, fostering a strong spirit of collaboration and a shared commitment to 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. Each day is structured to provide a balance of learning, reflection, and networking opportunities. Some of this year's Conference highlights are the overlapping in-depth Church Ministry Leadership Seminars and the addition of a new Dean's Intensive Training Track. This year's conference theme is "Empowered by God's Immeasurable Grace: Unveiling the Fullness of Christ in Our Lives." Its theological foundation in Paul's powerful prayer in Ephesians 3 reminds us that by relying on God's power, we can comprehend Christ's love and be filled with the fullness of God. God works in us according to His power to change us in ways we could never ask or imagine. In the words of Paul, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

Whether you are a regular attendee of the Conference or considering joining us for the first time, we extend a warm invitation to you. By participating, you will have the unique opportunity to gain valuable insights from renowned speakers, engage in interactive workshops, and network with fellow Christian educators. Your presence will enrich our event, and we look forward to sharing another rewarding experience with you.

For the Cause of Christ,

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DR. DERRICK JACKSON  
Executive Director



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Sunday, December 1, 2024

2:00 PM–7:00 PM     Registration

## Monday, December 2, 2024

6:00 AM–6:00 PM     Registration  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Concurrent Class Sessions  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Church Ministry Leadership Seminars  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Dean's Intensive Training Seminar  
10:00 AM     Opening Plenary  
10:20 AM     Lecture  
11:00 AM     Sermon  
12:30 PM–1:30 PM     Pastors Lunch Forum  
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  
2:00 PM–4:00 PM     Dean's Intensive Training Seminar  
5:30 PM–6:30 PM     Welcome Gathering

## Tuesday, December 3, 2024

7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Concurrent Class Sessions  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Church Ministry Leadership Seminars  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Dean's Intensive Training Seminar  
10:00 AM     Opening Plenary

## Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (continued)

10:20 AM     Lecture  
11:00 AM     Sermon  
12:30 PM–1:30 PM     Pastors Lunch Forum  
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  
2:00 PM–4:00 PM     Dean's Intensive Training Seminar  
5:30 PM–6:30 PM     Young Adult Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, December 4, 2024

7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Concurrent Class Sessions  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Church Ministry Leadership Seminars  
7:30 AM–9:30 AM     Dean's Intensive Training Seminar  
10:00 AM     Opening Plenary  
10:20 AM     Lecture  
11:00 AM     Sermon  
12:30 PM–1:30 PM     Pastors Lunch Forum  
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  
2:00 PM–4:00 PM     Dean's Intensive Training Seminar  
6:00 PM     Commencement

# COURSE, SEMINAR, AND WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

### Pastors and Ministers Subdivision

9910—Church and Clergy Conflict

Empowering Your Ministry

9903—Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette

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

### Church Ministries Subdivision

AI in Faith: Enhancing Church Ministry with Artificial Intelligence

A Holistic Approach to Ministering to Generation Z

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

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

Meet Generation Alpha: Ministry Strategies for Today's Children

Millennials, Faith, and the Future of the Black Church

Sisters Strengthening Sisters

Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DIVISION

### Certification Subdivision

1104—The Book of James

1007—Survey of the Old Testament

1072—Survey of the New Testament

1075—Synoptic Gospels

2015—Foundation of Christian Ethics

2023–Creative Ways of Teaching  
2099A/B–Dean Certification (Parts I/II)  
2099C/D–Dean Certification (Parts III/IV)  
2100–Guidelines for Recertification of Deans  
2097–Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations  
3008–Theology and History of Christianity  
4001–Christian Beliefs  
7005–Christian Evangelism  
Be Restored! God's Power for African American Women

### Specialization Education Studies Subdivision

SP0018–Leadership Principles and Strategies  
SP0004–Christian Doctrine

### DEAN'S INTENSIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

Module 1: Leadership and Administration in Christian Education Ministry – Review/Revisit/Reexamine  
Module 2: Staffing for Success – Faculty (Instructors)/Support Staff Selection and Development  
Module 3: Christian Leadership School Administration and Strategic Management  
Module 4: Zoom Administration and Training  
Module 5: Practical Application of Christian Education and Leadership Principles  
Module 6: Leadership Triumphs: Articulating and Sharing Achievements as Christian Education Deans

### CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Organizing the Church for Ministry  
Leadership in Financing and Budgeting for Church Pastors, Trustees, Deacons and Lay Leaders  
Sunday School Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching – Maximizing Your Curriculum  
Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership – How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially

### PASTORS LUNCH FORUM

Pastoral Leadership – Engaging the Wisdom of the Elders

### LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

MMBB Financial Wellness Workshop  
Aspiring Writers' Workshop  
Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop  
Vacation Bible School Workshop



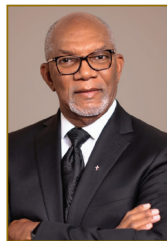
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# SYNOPSIS OF CLASSES

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIVISION

### PASTORS AND MINISTERS SUBDIVISION

The Pastors and Ministers Subdivision helps pastors understand their role in guiding individuals from membership to discipleship. The Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC) provides an alternate path for teacher certification to pastors with 3-5 years of experience. The Pastor's Advanced Training Program (PATP) is an advanced study program for pastors and comprises Phases II-IV. The program awards a *Diploma in Pastoral Studies* upon completion.

### 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:** Rev. Reginald Buckley, Jackson, MS

#### **New! Now! Next! Congregational Leadership that Builds a Vital and Healthy Congregation (PATP)**

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

### 9910—Church and Clergy Conflict (PATP)

Identify and study church and clergy conflicts. Using the unique examples of conflict in their own ministry, the students will discuss conflict-management skills and ways to bring harmony in troubled situations.

**Instructor:** Dr. Shelton Murphy, Norfolk, VA

### Empowering Your Ministry (PATP)

The keys to long-term success is a dynamic and transformative course designed to equip individuals engaged in pastoral ministry with the essential tools and strategies needed to thrive and sustain impactful service over the long haul. Students will be encouraged to cultivate personal spiritual resilience, while developing effective leadership skills and building strong community connections. This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the key elements necessary for enduring success in today's pastoral ministry.

**Credit Option:** 9923—Organizing the Church for Ministry and Mission

**Instructor:** Dr. Carlos Williams, Dallas, TX

### 9903—Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette (PATP)

Explore some of the temptations, pitfalls, and problems that could ensnare the minister and how to handle them. Look at the preacher's appearance and his conduct in the pulpit, his relationship with members, and his professional behavior in all settings.

**Instructor:** Dr. René Brown, Baton Rouge, LA

## 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

### **Millennials, Faith, and the Future of the Black Church**

This course helps churches attract and make more effective disciples of black millennials. Learn how to leverage their unique gifts and experiences to sustain and propel your church into a pacesetting ministry model.

**Credit Option:** 2061—Millennials in Ministry

**Instructor:** Rev. Nicole Guns, Norfolk, VA

### **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**

### **AI in Faith: Enhancing Church Ministry with Artificial Intelligence**

This course explores how AI can enhance church ministry in the modern age. It focuses on adults and explores the implications of integrating AI, offering insights into its potential in Christian ministry.

**Credit Option:** 9024—Technology in the Life of the Church I

**Instructor:** Dr. Leticha Heflin-Word, Atlanta, GA

### **A Holistic Approach to Ministering to Generation Z**

We must understand Generation Z's beliefs, attitudes, and practices to disciple today's youth. This course equips youth leaders and ministers with a plan to mentor adolescents, engage parents, and collaborate with church staff and volunteers. It offers tools to encourage and enable today's youth to follow Christ and take their ministry to the next level.

**Credit Option:** 7012—Youth Discipleship

**Instructor:** Dr. Nathaniel Brooks, Birmingham, AL

## 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:** Dr. Cynthia Hillery-Jackson, Atlanta, GA

## Sisters Strengthening Sisters

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians (NIV). The Sisters Strengthening Sisters course will focus on women's personal development, health, and wellness.

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

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

# 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

### Be Restored! God's Power for African American Women

The class will explore personal restoration and growth as women of God through discussion, inspiring stories, and thought-provoking questions centered around Nehemiah's restoration work in Israel after the devastation of war.

**Credit Option:** 1027–Survey of Nehemiah

**Instructor:** Dr. Carolyn Gordon, Itta Bena, MS

### 1007–Survey of the Old Testament

This survey will provide a general overview of the divisions, times, and places mentioned in the Old Testament. It will emphasize the nation of Israel and significant events, people, and archaeological findings.

**Instructor:** Rev. Jacarra Michael Williams, Fort Wayne, IN

### 1075–Synoptic Gospels

Focus on the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus' ministry.

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

### 2015–Foundation of Christian Ethics

The course will focus on understanding philosophical and Christological approaches to Christian ethics and applying biblical principles to decision-making and conduct for living.

**Instructor:** Dr. Rodney C. Griffin, Jr., Chicago, IL

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

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. 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:** Rev. Eric D. Williams, Jackson, MS

### 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. Albertine Marshall, Stone Mountain, GA

### 3008–Theology and History of Christianity

This course covers the development of Christianity from the beginning of Jesus' ministry to the present day. It will focus on the Christian movement's history, theology, culture, and influential figures.

**Instructor:** Dr. Karlos Nichols, Plainfield, NJ



## AFTERNOON 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

### 1072–Survey of the New Testament

This survey provides an overview of the New Testament, covering its divisions, periods, people, places, events, and archaeology.

**Instructor:** Dr. DeSean Horne, Reno, NV

### 2023–Creative Ways of Teaching

This course will help teachers discover innovative ways to teach, including learning strategies and behaviors of students that lead to transformed lives.

**Instructor:** Dr. Mary McConnell, Kansas City, KS

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

This course will focus on developing skills for Christian education ministry, organizational skills, time management, and leadership development. The main aim of the course is to provide an understanding of how to establish and manage a Christian Learning System (CLS). Participants will learn how to organize and lead a CLS, including how to complete relevant paperwork online. Additionally, the course will focus on team building, leadership, and technologies required for preparing deans for the first CLS.

**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:** Dr. Roberta Hatcher, Augusta, GA

### 4001–Christian Beliefs

This course will explore historical and contemporary Christian faith, interpretations, and development of individual Christian beliefs and life-purpose statements.

**Instructor:** Dr. Jonathan Blackburn, Jacksonville, FL

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### **7005–Christian Evangelism**

This course will teach the fundamental principles of evangelism, including identifying relevant Scriptures and selecting appropriate methods, techniques, and media for reaching out to nonbelievers.

**Instructor:** Rev. Caura Washington, New York, NY

## **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**

#### **SP0004–Christian Doctrine**

This course will focus on the central doctrines of the Christian Church. In addition, the instructor will discuss critical individuals and events that gave rise to what we believe.

**Instructor:** Rev. Tommy Savage, Chicago, IL

### **AFTERNOON CLASS**

#### **SP0018–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. Johnny Flakes III, Columbus, GA

# DEAN'S INTENSIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

The Dean's Intensive Training Seminar is designed to provide certified deans with an in-depth learning experience to understand their roles and responsibilities as Deans of Christian education and to explore trends and innovations to enhance the delivery and effectiveness of Christian education ministry and programs on all levels of denominational work. The seminar will be presented in six modules that focus on essential functions of the Dean's work during the SSPB Annual Conference.

## **Prerequisites**

Prerequisites for the Dean's Intensive Training are:

1. Certified Dean with at least five years of experience.
2. Must have taken course #2100 Deans Recertification Course.
3. Must have served as the Dean for at least three certified leadership schools.

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

## **Module 1: Leadership and Administration in Christian Education Ministry – Review/Revisit/Reexamine**

### **Module Description:**

This module is designed to provide certified deans of Christian education with a comprehensive understanding of their roles and responsibilities as deans, revisit the certification process for Christian Leadership Schools, and reexamine the CLS Manual and explain manual updates and changes in policies and procedures to ensure maintenance of educational and SSPB certification standards. Participants will gain valuable insights into effective leadership, accreditation procedures, and the significance of staying abreast of evolving educational practices within a Christian framework.

## **Module 2: Staffing for Success – Faculty (Instructors)/Support Staff Selection and Development**

### **Module Description:**

This module will focus on developing a comprehensive framework for the intentional and prayerful selection, support and development of faculty and staff for Christian Leadership Schools and Christian education ministries. Emphasis will be placed on equipping and training faculty and staff at all levels to function as a team to ensure the delivery of quality Christian education ministry that aligns with the vision, mission, and core values of the SSPB and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. at all levels of the denomination whether at the local, state, or national levels. Participants will explore the processes of instructor recruitment and selection, necessary qualifications, certification/recertification requirements, and the promotion of continuous education and professional development for faculty and staff.

### **Module 3: Christian Leadership School Administration and Strategic Management**

#### **Module Description:**

This module is designed for certified deans in Christian education to provide a comprehensive exploration of essential skills needed for Christian Leadership School and Christian education ministry administration, strategic planning, and financial management. Participants will gain insights into effective registration procedures, budgeting, financing, and promotion and marketing techniques for Christian Leadership Schools and Christian education ministries.

### **Module 4: Zoom Administration and Training**

#### **Module Description:**

This module will focus on engaging participants in an interactive learning experience on the use of Zoom in Christian Leadership Schools and Christian education ministries. Participants will review the 12-Step process for the administration and organization of a Virtual Leadership School. Participants will be engaged in an interactive training session focusing on “Zoom: Administration and Training.” Participants will experience and overview of the Zoom Meeting Platform to include licensing for Zoom, administration of Zoom accounts, setting up meetings, inviting participants to meetings, screen sharing, and other properties of Zoom that can be utilized for Christian Leadership Schools and Christian education ministries.

### **Module 5: Practical Application of Christian Education and Leadership Principles**

#### **Module Description:**

This module is designed to bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world scenarios, providing participants with hands-on experience in applying Christian educational leadership principles. Through engaging scenarios and practical elements, participants will navigate common challenges faced by educational leaders, developing the skills and confidence needed to lead with integrity and impact within a Christian educational context. Students will be required to collaborate, use critical thinking skills, and problem-solve to complete a group project.

### **Module 6: Leadership Triumphs: Articulating and Sharing Achievements as Christian Education Deans**

#### **Module Description:**

This specialized module is designed to empower Christian Education Deans with the skills and strategies needed to articulate and share achievements effectively. As deans play a pivotal role in steering educational institutions, this module delves into the nuances of celebrating success within the context of Christian leadership. Through hands-on activities, storytelling workshops, and collaborative discussions, participants will cultivate the ability to articulate their successes, foster a culture of celebration, and effectively communicate achievements to various stakeholders.

# CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

## Organizing the Church for Mission and Ministry

This comprehensive course aims to facilitate effective ministry and mission in churches by organizing them in a structured manner. The course covers key scriptures and principles guiding church structure, leadership, governance, ministry development, deployment, evaluation, and adaptation. The course covers the biblical foundation of church organization, leadership and governance, ministry development, deployment, evaluation, and adaptation.

**Credit Option:** 5017–The Mission and Ministry of the Church

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

## Leadership in Financing and Budgeting for Church Pastors, Trustees, Deacons and Lay Leaders

This seminar is designed for church leaders, including pastors, trustees, deacons, and lay leaders, to equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and principles to effectively manage the church's finances and budget. Through a blend of interactive lectures, case studies, group discussions, exercises, and peer-to-peer learning, participants will gain a deep understanding of financial management practices tailored to the unique context of religious organizations. The seminar covers various aspects related to church finances, including stewardship, governance, budgeting, resource development, reporting, analysis, controls, risk management, literacy, ethics, legal considerations, collaboration, communication, and crisis management.

**Credit Options:** 9921–Pastoral Leadership in Financing and Budgeting the Work of the Church; 5012–Becoming An Effective Deacon; 6003–The Work of the Trustee; 6005–Financing and Budgeting the Work of the Church

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

## Sunday School Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching – Maximizing Your Curriculum

This three-day seminar offers an in-depth and practical approach to maximizing the Sunday school curriculum. Attendees will receive extensive training and valuable tips to train others effectively. Moreover, students will receive reproducible, user-friendly handouts, related PowerPoint presentations, and curriculum samples to share with their local congregation. By the end of the sessions, the instructor will equip participants to share with others in their church, allowing them to teach the Sunday School lesson more effectively. (This course will serve as the final year of the Sunday School Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching Seminars for those who have completed levels in the program.)

**Credit Option:** 7015–Growing the Church through the Sunday School

**Instructor:** Ms. Michelle Thierry, Clayton, NC

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## **Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership – How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially**

This three-day seminar is a comprehensive program that will equip you with advanced strategies to strengthen and grow your Sunday church school ministry. By the end of the sessions, you'll be qualified to train others in their congregation and have a set of reproducible, easy-to-use handouts, presentations, and materials that you can immediately share with your local congregations, demonstrating your enhanced leadership skills. (This course will serve as the final year of the Sunday School Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching Seminars for those who have completed levels in the program)

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

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jacqueline Mack, Jackson, MS



# LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

**Audience:** Open to all registered conferees

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

**Registration Fees:** Lunch and Workshop Materials Included

## **Pastors Lunch Forum: Pastoral Leadership – Engaging the Wisdom of the Elders**

This session is designed to engage participants in conversation with one of our convention's venerated pastors. Topics will include mentoring the next generation of pastors and congregational leaders and preaching and pastoring the next generation.

**Facilitator:** Dr. Edward L. Branch, Detroit, MI

## **Aspiring Writers' Workshop**

This workshop will provide hands-on training that assists persons who are 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.

**Facilitator:** Rev. Joseph Tribble, SSPB Senior Editor; Rev. Wellington A. Johnson Sr., SSPB Publishing Associate; Mrs. Tanae C. McKnight Murdic, SSPB Content Editor

## **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.

**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 2025 SSPB VBS.

**Facilitator:** Rev. Joe Ella Darby, SSPB VBS Coordinator

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

(The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board)

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

# 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 13, 2024**. Hotel cancellations must be received three (3) business days before the reservation date.

**The daily resort fee of \$20.00 is included in the guest room rate. In-room amenities 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	\$197.00 + 15.25% Tax	877.382.7299 or 615.889.1000

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

Join us for an on-site orientation session on Sunday afternoon, designed to answer all your questions about the myriad of offerings at the conference.

## WELCOME GATHERING

Please save the date for our upcoming event on Monday, December 2, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 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.

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

## YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUR

Connect with peers over Coffee, Conversation, and Dessert on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

## T-SHIRT DAY

Plan to show your pride and wear your Conference T-Shirt on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. CONFERENCE T-SHIRTS will be included with registration packet.

## COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The commencement service will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 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 2023 and 2024 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.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 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.

## 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 these meals 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.

## 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).

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

The SSPB is not requiring vaccination verification to attend the 2024 Annual Conference. However, we ask you to take the necessary precautions including, but not limited to, staying up to date with recommended adult vaccinations, wearing a mask, minimizing face touching and frequently washing hands.

## 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.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participants must register for plenary sessions or classes, workshops, and sponsored events. You are encouraged to register online at [www.sspbnbc.com](http://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. 5781, if you do not receive an email confirmation or to ensure you are registered. (Please Note: No Phone Registrations.)

Early registration deadline is August 31, 2024 (at midnight CST).  
Regular registration rates apply from September 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024.  
Late registration rates start November 1, 2024.

## PRICING INFORMATION

**Discount Code: SSPB2024** – The discount code is for only two (2) classes. Seminars and Lunch and Learn Workshops do not apply.

	Early Registration June 24– August 31, 2024		Regular Registration September 1– October 31, 2024		Late Registration November 1–16, 2024		Onsite Registration December 1–2, 2024	
1 Class	\$135.00		\$170.00		\$180.00		\$180.00	
2 Classes	\$200.00		\$240.00		\$250.00		\$250.00	
Dean's Intensive Training Seminar	\$135.00		\$170.00		\$180.00		\$180.00	
Church Ministry Seminar	\$135.00		\$170.00		\$180.00		\$180.00	
Plenary Session Only	\$75.00		\$90.00		\$90.00		\$90.00	
Lunch and Learn Workshop (Includes Lunch)	\$90.00		\$90.00		\$90.00		\$90.00	
Breakfast and Lunch—Mon–Wed	\$125.00		\$125.00		\$125.00		\$125.00	
Breakfast Only Mon–Wed	\$75.00		\$75.00		\$75.00		\$75.00	
Lunch Only Mon–Wed	\$75.00		\$75.00		\$75.00		\$75.00	
<b>Total Amount Submitted</b>								

# 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 \$35 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.sspnbc.com](http://www.sspnbc.com).

Personal Contact Information			
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number		Other (Cell) Phone Number	
Email Address (Use the email address where you want the registration confirmation sent to.)			
Church's Contact Information			
Pastor's Last Name	First Name	Telephone Number	
Pastor's Email Address			
Church's Name			
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Church Email Address		Church Telephone Number	



Select the Program in which you are enrolled.

- ☐ Ministry Leadership Seminar
- ☐ COPP

☐ Specialization
- ☐ CLS

☐ PATC
- ☐ CLS Dean Certification

☐ PATP

Is this your first time attending? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

What is your age group?    ☐ 20-40    ☐ 41-60    ☐ 61-80    ☐ 81 and above

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Check or Money Order    Credit Card: ☐ AMEX    ☐ Master Card    ☐ VISA

Name on Card		
Card Number	Expiration Date	Signature
Credit Card Billing Address		

COURSE SELECTION

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

OPTIONS:

1. You may select the **Dean’s Intensive Training Seminar**, 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: DEAN'S INTENSIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

- ☐ Dean's Intensive Training Seminar

## OPTION 2: CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

- ☐ Organizing the Church for Mission and Ministry
- ☐ Leadership in Financing and Budgeting for Church Pastors, Trustees, Deacons and Lay Leaders
- ☐ Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar: Essentials of Leadership – How to Grow Your Sunday School Exponentially
- ☐ Sunday School Teachers' Seminar: Essentials of Teaching - Maximizing Your Curriculum

## 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**

- ☐ 9910–Church and Clergy Conflict
- ☐ Empowering Your Ministry
- ☐ 9903–Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette

#### 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
- ☐ Millennials, Faith, and the Future of the Black Church
- ☐ Women Embracing Grace: Transforming the Lives of Women

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### Afternoon Classes

- ❑ A Holistic Approach to Ministering to Generation Z
- ❑ AI in Faith: Enhancing Church Ministry with Artificial Intelligence
- ❑ Meet Generation Alpha: Ministry Strategies for Today's Children
- ❑ Sisters Strengthening Sisters

## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION (CLS)

### Certification Subdivision

#### Morning Classes

- ❑ Be Restored! God's Power for African American Women
- ❑ 1007–Survey of the Old Testament
- ❑ 1075–Synoptic Gospels
- ❑ 2015–Foundation of Christian Ethics
- ❑ 2097–Rethinking Christian Education for Contemporary Innovations
- ❑ 2099A/B–Dean Certification (Parts I/II)
- ❑ 3008–Theology and History of Christianity

#### Afternoon Classes

- ❑ 1072–Survey of the New Testament
- ❑ 1104–The Book of James
- ❑ 2023–Creative Ways of Teaching
- ❑ 2099C/D–Dean Certification (Parts III/IV)
- ❑ 2100–Guidelines for Recertification of Deans
- ❑ 4001–Christian Beliefs
- ❑ 7005–Christian Evangelism

## Specialization Education Studies Subdivision

### **Morning Class**

- ☐ SP0004–Christian Doctrine

### **Afternoon Class**

- ☐ SP0018–Leadership Principles and Strategies

## **LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS**

- ☐ Pastors Lunch Forum: Pastoral Leadership – Engaging the Wisdom of the Elders
- ☐ MMBB Financial Wellness Workshop: Your MMBB Benefits: What's in It for You
- ☐ Aspiring Writers' Workshop
- ☐ Transformative FAITH Sunday School Workshop
- ☐ Vacation Bible School Workshop

## **MONDAY RECEPTION**

- ☐ I will attend the Welcome Gathering.
- ☐ I will not attend the Welcome Gathering.

## **T-SHIRT SIZE SELECTION (Unisex)**

- ☐ Small
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Large
- ☐ XL
- ☐ 1XL
- ☐ 2XL
- ☐ 3XL
- ☐ 4XL

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## **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

### **St. James Missionary Baptist Church**

600 28th Avenue North  
Dr. George T. Brooks Sr., Pastor  
8:00 a.m./10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
(615) 320-7616

### **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





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