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MEDCCE

Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education

National Theme: “Making Disciples for Christ”

Matthew 16:24-26, I Timothy 2:11-13, Psalm 49:6-9, Matthew 10:38

District Theme: “Strengthening Churches and Advancing the Kingdom Through Partnership” Hebrews 10:24-25

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Tabernacle Baptist Church

2080 West Grand Blvd.; Detroit, MI 48208

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

8:45am Worship Experience
President’s Greetings

9:00am Lecture Period
Topic Focus: Let’s Have Church!!!
Study of the Bible in a Game Show format
Presenter: Mr. Randy Myers

9:10am Dean’s Directives
9:20am Classes, Workshops, Seminars

11:00am Reassembly in Sanctuary
Greetings from Moderator / Host Pastor:

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

Recognition of Pastors & Associate Ministers

Announcements

11:25am Offering and Recognition of Churches

11:30am Selection by
MEDCCE’s Youth and Young Adult Choir

Meditation for Ministry

Pastor Dwayne Cureton

Greater St. John Baptist Church, Detroit, MI

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Song / Prayer

Benediction

MEDCCE President's Pen

The regular season of MEDCCE is coming to a climax. It is our hope you have been thoroughly nourished through your respective learning experiences in our unique Christian education atmosphere. I want to thank you all for the very important role you've played in the success of this season.

Our Dean's office and staff of instructors have diligently prepared each month that you might be better prepared to do an effective job in your individual ministry settings.

Certainly we are always looking to improve and we invite you let us know how we can be more effective as a Christian education body. The Dean's office has prepared evaluation forms, we ask you to please take a minute to respond.

To all of our Pastors, Superintendents, Christian Education leaders, we thank you for your faithfulness undertaking the very challenging task of championing the logistic hurdles to get your students in place each month.

Thanks to all of our officers, instructors, staff and officers and advisors for the very important part you play in the success of MEDCCE.

Thanks to all our students for taking seriously the commitment to improving your literacy rate in the area of Christian education.

Thanks to our Moderator and Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church and the entire Tabernacle staff and family who served so faithfully and courteously.

Thanks to Pastor Burnard Byles and the Church of Our Father Baptist family for their warm hospitality and outstanding service rendered during our African American Celebration and Luncheon.

Please take note of the information provided relative to the Annual Session, the week of April 11-15, 2016 at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. We thank Pastor Louis Forsythe and the Pleasant Grove family for their willingness to support this very important cause by agreeing to host this year's session.

We trust you all will make your best effort to attend beginning with a musical on Monday 4/11 at 7:00 pm, and classes and worship experiences on Tuesday through Friday.

If you have not yet paid your registration for this season, you are encouraged do so that you may be in good standing.

Please continue to pray for our efficiency in doing the will of God, Almighty,

In HIS service,

Pastor Ron

The Worship Experience

Worship Leader: Sister Letitia Magee

Assistant Worship Leader: Dr. Marsha Mebane

OPENING SONG: Lead Me to Calvary

King of my life I crown Thee now
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary

May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share
Thou hast borne all for me.

Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary

THE BIBLE SPEAKS: Mark 15: 20-22 (KJV)

²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

²¹ And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

²² And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

INVOCATION: Deacon Willie Ray
Metropolitan Baptist District Association Laymen

CLOSING SONG: Down at the Cross

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied; Sing-in'

Chorus:
Glory to His name, His name!
Glory to His name, Precious name.
Glory to His name, Precious name.
There to my heart was the blood applied; Singin'
Glory to His name, His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in; Singin'
Glory to His name, His name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Singin'

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete; Singin'

Announcements / Calendar of Events

MEDCCE Annual Session
Week of April 11, 2016
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe, II, Host Pastor

SSPB Midwest Region Conference
May 6-7, 2016
Host Church: Canaan Baptist Church
2964 North 11th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53206
Host Pastor: Dr. Fredrick Jones
www.sspbnbc.com/divisions/christian-education/regional-conferences/

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education
Week of June 19, 2016
Tampa, Florida

Church Etiquette

Upon entering the sanctuary, please dispose of all gum, candy, and food.
Please turn off all cell phones.
Please limit walking. Walking is not allowed during the following intervals of service:
Prayer; Scripture Reading; and Invitation to Discipleship.

Deans Office Announcement

Certificate of Progress Program:

Changes are on the way, effective June 1, 2016!

If you have been procrastinating, it is strongly recommended that you complete the following before **June 1, 2016:**

- a. Complete Phase 2, 3 and 4. After June 1st, the current Electives will be removed, and a required course will replace the Electives.
- b. If you have any College or Seminary Transcripts that you would like to have evaluated, please work with a Certified Dean and complete this now for **FREE**. After June 1st the Transcript Review fee will be \$5.00.

Session Course Cards

If you have missed two or more classes, you will not receive a course card, unless you complete a make up assignment with your Instructor. Please remember to sign in as the Deans Office can only use the sign in sheets as verification of attendance.

Individual Registrations

To our Students who are not members of a Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Association Church, we invite you to participate in our class sessions, however, please make a donation of \$25.00 to support the District. Please take your individual donations to the Finance Office. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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Classes for September 2015 – March 2016

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI

Nathan Johnson, D.D, Moderator & Host Pastor

Dean, Sister Toniya L. King / President, Reverend Ronald C. Burks

National Theme: "Making Disciples For Christ"

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#	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	ROOM
1004	Effective Bible Reading #1 (Phase 1)	Reverend Patricia Mobley	CHAPEL
1004	Effective Bible Reading #2 (Phase 1)	Sister Joyce Martin-Hutcherson	2172-2174
1007	Introduction to the Old Testament (Phase 1)	Reverend Beverly McCutcheon	2167-2169
1086	Church History In Acts (Elective)	Sister Drena Hicks-Jones	2165
1089	Survey of Romans (Phase 3)	Sister Priscilla A. Turner	2157
1112	Survey of Revelation (Phase 4)	Reverend Dr. Floyd Davis	2160-2162
2007	Christian Stewardship (Phase 1)	Reverend Dr. Richard White, III	2151-2153
2011	Baptist Doctrine (Phase 2)	Reverend Dr. Edward R. Knox	2164
2015	Foundation of Christian Ethics (Ph 4)	Reverend Dr. Bill Thompson	2168
4014	Doctrine of Prayer (Elective)	Reverend Ronald C. Burks	2156-2158
7024	Discovering Spiritual Gifts (Phase 2)	Reverend Eddie Sain, II	2171-2173
SP 0019	SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM Leadership Certificate Overcoming Leadership Distress	Reverend Dr. Anthony King, Sr.	2166
WS	Equipping Ministers for Ministry	Reverend Richard Richardson, Facilitator	2163
WS	Minister's Wives and Widows	Reverend Rosetta O'Neal, Facilitator	2159
WS	Becoming An Effective Deacon	Reverend Bernard Byles, Facilitator	2161
2029	Children's Ministry Children/Youth Workers Rev. Pecola Bell/Mrs. Nellie Thigpen	Sister Stephaine Williams, Directress Sister Doniele Jackson, Breakout Session	Morris Room
	Youth Ministry Session	Sister Madlyne Dansby, Directress Dr. Byron Douglass Breakout Session I Deacon Eddie Davis Breakout Session II	2176-2179
Y WS	I Luh God. You Don't Luh God? What's Wrong With You? (**AGES 15-17 ONLY**)	Reverend Kenneth C. Pierce, II, Facilitator	Choir Room (Left Aisle of Church)
WS	Metropolitan District Youth/Young Adult Choir Workshop	Sister Letitia MaGee, Facilitator	CHOIR STAND

Dean's Office/ Bookstore/ President's Office: Christian Ed Office 2nd Floor

Final District Theme: **"Strengthening Churches and Advancing the Kingdom**

Through Partnership" Heb. 10:24-25

Minutes: Saturday, February 13, 2016 ~ Recorder: Tara Hamilton

This session began with Greetings from President, Rev. Ronald Burks. Welcome to the 2016 African American Heritage Celebration.

Worship Leader, Sis. Letitia Magee: Opening Song: "Love Lifted Me". The Bible Speaks: Isaiah 63:7-9. Invocation by Minister Dontez Mahone, New Salem Baptist Church. Closing Song: "I Love You Lord Today".

Greetings from Rev. Burks: Protocol Established. Rev. Burks thanked Rev. Burnard Byles and the Church of Our Father Family for hosting MEDCCE for the African American Heritage Celebration. Rev. Burks requested that everyone pay for tickets even if the Church is not present for the luncheon as plans were made according to the number of tickets requested.

Announcements, 2nd Vice President, Patricia Suber: 2nd Vice President Patricia Suber stated that it is good to see everyone given the cold weather. The luncheon will be downstairs. Please pay for tickets in the finance room which is also downstairs. The Annual Session will be in April 2016 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Dean's Directives for Classes, Workshop and Seminars, Dean Toniya King: Dean King announced thankfulness for attendance to this session and requested that everyone be patient given the change in venue. Dean King requested that all be mindful of the room size and locations. If a student is only present for this February session, please utilize the blue sign in sheet. Class Secretaries and Instructors are to use the blue sign in sheets. Make handouts available to those with make up assignments. The Deans Office Staff will be available to provide additional information regarding MEDCCE Annual Session at Pleasant Grove.

Reassembly: Greetings by Rev. Burks. Rev. Burks requested that Churches pay for Skating Fellowship and African American Heritage Luncheon tickets. 2nd Vice President Patricia Suber requested that payments be made in the Finance Office which is located downstairs.

Children's Presentation: Led by Stephanie Williams, Director of Children's Ministry. The children defined a negro spiritual. The children then sang "The Whole World in His Hands".

Youth Presentation: Led by Madlyne Dansby, Director of Youth Ministry. Five selected youth read poems and presented information about their mentors.

Greetings from Moderator Nathan Johnson, D.D.: Nathan Johnson, D.D. thanked Church of Our Father for opening the doors to the Church and welcoming MEDCCE for this session. Moderator Johnson revealed that we were welcomed by the Greeters. Moderator Johnson requested that all Churches pay for tickets received. Immediate Past Moderator Rev. Dr. Oscar King, III sends regards. Rev. Dr. King, III is at the funeral services for Rev. Jack Ealy, Past Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. The funeral is being held at Corinthians Baptist Church.

Greetings from Host Pastor: Rev. Burnard Byles welcomed and thanked everyone.

Offering, Recognition of Churches, and Recognition of Pastor's and Ministers: Recognized by 1st Vice President, Rev. Dr. Floyd Davis.

Church Attendance: Tabulated by President's Office Secretary Tara Hamilton. Church Attendance is as follows: 1st Place – Moderator's Trophy: Palestine Baptist Church with 50 delegates present; 2nd Place – President's Trophy: Tabernacle Baptist Church with 39 delegates present; 3rd Place – Dean's Trophy: Unity Baptist Church with 14 delegates present. Distance Attendance: 1st Place – Claudia Knight Richardson Trophy: People's Community Baptist Church (Westland) with 32 delegates present; and 2nd Place – Officers Trophy: Beulah Baptist Church (Westland) with 13 delegates present. **Churches: 32; Pastors and Ministers: 22; Officers: 15; Instructors: 23; Dean's Staff: 7; Total Delegate Attendance: 372.**

Selection: MEDCCE's Youth & Young Adult Choir: "Lay Down my Burdens / Down By The Riverside"

Meditation for Ministry: Rev. Dr. Michael Owens, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church East, Immediate Past President of the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity. Scripture: Genesis 37:2-20. Meditation Topic: "Dream On Dreamer, God is a Dreamer Too"

Invitation to Discipleship: Moderator Nathan Johnson, D.D., Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Closing Song: Solo "Well Done" by Nathan Johnson, D.D..

Benediction: Rev. Ronald Burks, MEDCCE President/Pastor of Palestine Baptist Church. Rev. Burks thanked the Host Pastor Burnard Byles, Moderator Nathan Johnson, D.D., and Dean Toniya King.

Luncheon Directives: 2nd Vice President Patricia Suber.

MEDCCE Church Attendance (2015-2016)	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Total
<i>Beulah Baptist Church (Westland)</i>	22	15	24	15	7	13		96
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	1	0	1	0	0	0		2
Christian Fellowship of Love Baptist Church	2	5	3	3	3	3		19
Church of Our Father Baptist Church	12	8	9	6	7	30		72
Corinthian Baptist Church	13	22	10	7	13	4		69
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church	11	8	27	8	14	13		81
Freedom Fellowship Church	5	0	22	15	10	13		65
Garden of Faith Baptist Church	10	4	6	9	8	9		46
<i>Greater Morning Star Baptist Church (Mt. Clemens)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Greater Shiloh Baptist Church	11	12	15	10	8	8		64
Greater St. John Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Higher Power Baptist Church	7	4	8	7	6	9		41
Historic St. James Baptist Church	1	3	3	3	3	1		14
Hopewell Baptist Church	9	7	17	8	6	6		53
Inkster Springhill Baptist Church	2	0	0	0	0	0		2
Jude Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Macedonia Baptist Church	8	6	11	8	11	10		54
<i>New Hope Baptist Church (Southfield)</i>	5	8	12	7	6	6		44
<i>New Hope Baptist Church (Wayne)</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	0	2	3	2	2	2		11
New Salem Baptist Church	9	10	20	13	15	13		80
New Westside Central Baptist Church	15	13	13	12	14	12		79
Northwest Unity Baptist Church	0	3	9	7	5	12		36
Palestine Baptist Church	47	47	65	52	48	50		309
Peace Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
People's Baptist Church	1	1	1	1	1	6		11
<i>People's Community Baptist Church (Westland)</i>	28	30	53	36	38	32		217
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Binder)	1	0	0	0	0	2		3
Pilgrim Baptist Church (Lumley)	0	2	1	0	2	2		7
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	5	6	9	7	3	4		34
Prince of Peace Baptist Church	11	16	13	7	13	0		60
Russell Street Baptist Church	0	5	2	0	4	0		11
St. Francis Baptist Church	1	4	9	0	2	2		18
St. Luke Tabernacle Community Baptist Church	0	4	3	3	0	1		11
Steadfast Baptist Church	11	9	7	5	7	6		45
Tabernacle Baptist Church	62	65	82	61	61	39		370
Third Baptist Church	4	3	3	3	3	4		20
Truth Baptist Church	5	5	3	4	1	3		21
Twelfth Street Baptist Church	8	8	21	16	13	9		75
Union Grace Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
United Prayer Temple Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unity Baptist Church	29	26	37	24	25	14		155
Warren Avenue Baptist Church	3	4	0	12	0	2		21
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHURCHES	31	32	33	29	32	32		
TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES	390	397	555	400	392	372	0	2506