

**Ohio Baptist General Convention – Annual Session
Congress of Christian Education**

“Strengthening the Ministries of the New Testament Church” Colossians 1:9-12

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Monday – Wednesday July 18-20, 2022
Hybrid Format (virtual with selected in-person)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Adult Classes

Morning Classes: 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Course Title: Multigenerational Leadership: *Training & Succession Planning*
Instructor: Dr. Derek J. Williams (Hybrid)

This course is designed to explore and develop Leadership and Planning within the Local Congregational experience with:

- Contextual, Biblical, and Denominational Precepts
- Examples of auxiliary and ministries within in the local Church.
- Local Churches and Pastor in the expansion of the future of the local church
- Pastoral Succession: Retirement, merging, even Death or Removal
- Denominational office succession at District Association, State Convention level. Passing of the torch effectively.

Course Title: Bible Study – *Survey Pauline Prison Letters (Colossians)*
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Walter Arrington - In person only

Course Description:

This course is designed to give an overview of the letters that were written by the Apostle while he was imprisoned. Various subjects are addressed in these letters such as: doctrine, duty, demonstration of faith, thanksgiving, encouragement, admonition, and others. The book of Colossians will be the primary focal epistle.

Course Title: Minister Wives Forum on Healthy Living
Instructor: Lady Eileen Arrington – In person only

Course Description:

Class will concentrate on healthy living based on:

1. What scripture says about health and wellness
2. Godly habits and mindsets
3. Promoting healthy lifestyles; prevention and early intervention
4. Importance of mental health, social well-being as well as physical health
5. Emphasizing importance of setting individual goals
6. Following COVID-19 guidelines if you have received the vaccine and guidelines if you are unvaccinated

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Course Title: A New Chapter in Missions: *Same Message, New Methods*
Instructor: Sister Tammy Freeman - Hybrid

Course Description:

Come and join us on this three-day Missionary Journey as we define Missions from the Old Testament to the New Testament and how it is relevant in 2022. We will discover Missions at Home, in the community and abroad. “Declare his glory among the heathen and his wonders among all people,” Psalm 96:3

Evening Classes 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Course Title: Women Bearing Fruit in All Good Works
Instructor: Sister Jean Lark – In person only

Course Description:

“What makes you so strong?” It is the question posed to the black woman. “What makes you so strong, black woman?” We like others wonder how could the black female withstand the fall from the African gardens of Eden to endure 400 years of plantation bondage and to wander through the melee wilderness experiences of America? Bearing good fruit.

Course Title: Ministry Methods In this Season: *We Can Do This!*
Instructor: Lady Floria Washington - Hybrid

Course Title (updated): Ministry Mindset and Methods for This Season: We Can Do This!

Course Description:

Let's Do This! This course is designed to invigorate and equip participants to lead ministry with a courageous and innovative mindset and with methods that advance the kingdom of God in uncharted territory.

Course Title: God Has A Dream: A Vision of Hope For Our Time
Instructor: Dr. Xavier Johnson - Virtual only on Zoom

Course Description:

The course is a continuation of our Social Justice series. This Course will explore what it means for us as human beings to partner with God in the transformation of the world. Using the book titled *God has A Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu as a guide, we will discuss God's dream for the world and ask, “What God is calling the church and the Christian to do today?” to bring that to fruition.

Book: God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time by Desmond Tutu

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Course Title: Strengthening Male Engagement in Ministry
Instructor: Dr. Michael Davis – In person

Course Description:

The 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study based on telephone interviews with more than 35,000 Americans from all 50 states found that among men only 31% reported attending religious services once a week and a mere 21% reported participating in religious activities to include study groups and prayer once a week. During this session we will explore the nature and extent of issues related to the participation of men in ministry. The course is designed to examine the reasons and associated factors related to the involvement of men in service to the local body of believers. Further, participants will engage in the development of strategies, approaches and methods designed to increase the meaningful engagement of men in the local church.

Course Title: Pastors Forum – Pastoral Self Care
Instructor: Dr. Keith Troy – In Person

Course Description:

Class is for those interested in exploring and discussing Pastoral well-being and self care. Participants will:

- *Reflect on looking after yourself and others*
- *Reflect on being a public figure*
- *Reflect on you and your household*