

MARCH 2023



The 156th Annual Session of the Virginia Baptist State Convention

"Pivoting Beyond the Pandemic for a
Greater Kingdom Witness"

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18



Message from President Brandon

Greetings to you in the precious, powerful and victorious name of Jesus our Lord, Savior and Redeemer. It is my genuine desire that you, your family and your church family are doing well while being blessed by the Eternal.. Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for each of you who make up The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc. Your service and resources to this, convention, has impacted many lives during the pandemic and I look forward to continuing to serve as we **"Pivoting Through The Pandemic For A Greater Kingdom Witness"** our scriptural focus is 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

This communication is being sent to inform you of our upcoming 156th Annual Convention that is scheduled for May 14th – May 18th. All sessions will be at The Cedar Street Baptist Church of God, 2301 Cedar Street, Richmond, VA 23223 where Dr. Anthony Chandler serves as Pastor.

Let us also trust God for another dynamic, beneficial and fruitful convention that will impact, empower and transform the lives of our participants. May the Grace of God be upon each of you, and may God continue to shower you with His Choicest Blessings. I look forward to seeing you in the city of Richmond May 14th at the opening concert.

In His Glorious Service,

Dr. Tyrone Brandon, Sr.

President, The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.

Convention Hotel Accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton
Richmond Airport
445 International Center Drive
Sandston, Virginia 23150

Rates \$129 per night (VBSC Rate)

Direct Link:



Office of the President

Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.
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Norfolk, Virginia 23504
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*Onsite
Registration:*



Host Church:

Cedar Street Baptist
Church of God
2301 Cedar Street
Richmond, VA 23223



May 15th - May 17th

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8:30am until 12 noon

1:30pm until 3:00 pm

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Lunch tickets will be
available upon registration

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Pre-Registration
Must be received
at the Office of the
President by
May 1st, 2023



The 156th Annual Session **of the Virginia Baptist State Convention**

Convention Highlights

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Generation NOW Worship Experience
(Children, Youth, and Millennial Worship experience)

Monday, May 15, 2023

Dr. Joshua Mitchell

31st Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns

Second Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia

Dr. Christopher S. Bowen

Living Faith International, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Dwight O. Steele

Pilgrim Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Auxiliary Breakout Sessions

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm VBSC Christian Education Leadership Classes
Monday thru Wednesday

7:15pm - Praise and Worship

Evening Preacher

Pastor Clinton McFarland

Grace Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Georgia



Convention Highlights



Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Rev. Angela Moon

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia

Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns

Second Calvary Baptist Church
Norfolk, Virginia

Dr. Christopher S. Bowen

Living Faith International
Atlanta, Georgia

Virginia University of Lynchburg

Dr. Kathy Franklin, President

Dr. James Coleman, Dean of LNS School of Religion

Presidential Luncheon

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Auxiliary Breakout Sessions

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. VBSC Christian Education Leadership Classes

Evening Break

7:15pm - Praise and Worship

Evening Preacher

Dr. Tolan Morgan

Fellowship Bible Baptist Church, Warner Robins, Georgia



Convention Highlights



Wednesday, May 17, 2023

WMEA Breakfast

Rev. Michael L. Cherry, II
Altha Grove Baptist Church
Forest, Virginia

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Virginia Baptist State Convention Missions

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Children Home of Virginia Baptist

Dr. Rodney Waller
Sis. Erna Gilliam Robinson, Director of CHVB

11:00 am Laymen's Hour
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Women's Missionary & Educational Auxiliary

Missionary Hour and Queen Rally
Sis. Yvette Robinson, President

Dr. Evelyn Hall-Harris, Guest Preacher

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. VBSC Christian Education Leadership Classes

5:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m. Evening Break

7pm - President's Night

Moderator's March



2023 Convention Guests



Pastor Clinton McFarland
Grace Baptist Church
Stockbridge, Georgia



Dr Tolan Morgan
Fellowship Bible Baptist Church
Warner Robins, Georgia



Dr. Joshua Mitchell Thirty-
First Street Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia



Dr. Dwight O. Steele
Pilgrim Baptist Church
Roanoke, Virginia



Dr. Christopher S. Bowen
Living Faith International
Atlanta, Georgia



Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns
Second Calvary Baptist
Norfolk, Virginia



Rev Michael L. Cherry II
Altha Grove Baptist
Forest, Virginia



Rev. Angela Moon
Mount Calvary Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia



Dr. Evelyn Hall-Harris
Speaker/Author
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Leroy Hill, Jr. Ebenezer
Baptist Church
Portsmouth, Virginia



VBSC 2023-2024 Leadership



Parent Body Officers

President.....	Dr. Darran Brandon, Sr.
Vice President at Large	Dr. Waddell Jones
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3rd Vice President	Dr. LeRoy Mitchell
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Assistant Treasurer	Sis. Bettis Bacchus
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Historian	Dr. Sylvia Tucker

Auxiliary Leaders

Women's Missionary & Educational Auxiliary

Sis. Yvette Robinson. President

Laymen Auxiliary

Deacon Davy Cheatham, President

Ushers Auxiliary

Bro. Mervin Brown, President

Deacon and Deaconess Auxiliary Deaconess

Deaconess Valeria Edwards, President

The Baptist Sunday School & BTU Congress of Virginia

Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns, President

*VBSC 2023-2024
Leadership cont.*

VBSC APPOINTED LEADERS

Chairman, Evangelism	Rev. H. Patrick Cason
Chairman, Clergy Division	Dr. Anthony M. Chandler
Chairman, Past President Council	Dr. Charles Whitfield
Chairman, Foreign Missions Board	Dr. Howard Heard
Economic Development Commission.....	Dr. Frankie T. Jones
Chairman, Social Justice Commission	Dr. Owen Cardwell
Chairman, CHVB Commission	Dr. Rodney Waller
Dean of Christian Education	Dr. Luther Allen III
State Director, Home Mission & Disaster Relief	Dr. Willard Maxwell
State Director, Moderators	Dr. Peter Evans
State Director, Social-Media	Rev. Marcus Jones
State Director, Women in Ministry	Rev. Rosalind M. Hairston
State Director, Prison Family Ministry	Dr. Barrielevia Evans
State Director, Music Ministry	Dr. Dwight O. Steele, Sr.
State Director, Children & Youth	Rev. Willie Gause
State Director, Young Adult Ministry	Rev. Jonathan Waldon
State Director, Young Pastors & Ministers	Dr. Tyrone Jackson, Jr.
Logistics and Security	Dr. Gerald Q. Brandon
New Bodies	Dr. Cedric Malon

VBSC 2023-2024
Leadership cont.

ASSOCIATIONS & MODERATORS

Bethany Baptist Association	Dr. George W. C. Lyons, Jr.
Clinch River Baptist Association	Rev. Leroy Kain
Ebenezer Baptist Association	Dr. Wanda Wallace-Tucker
Hasadiah Association	Rev. John Braxton
Otter River Baptist Association	Rev. Joseph Charlton
Peaks of Otter Baptist Association	Rev. Dwayne Drew
Pigg River Association	Rev. Coleman Wright
Rock Fish Association	Rev. Rodney Sandridge
Sharon Association	Rev. Jermaine Scates
Smith River Association.....	Dr. Eric Hairston
Tidewater Peninsula Association	Dr. Shelton Murphy
Unified Shiloh Association	Dr. Philip Williams
Valley Baptist Association	Dr. Clay Dawson

STAFF

Executive Administrative Assistant to the President

Rev. Wendy Bullock

Convention Administrator

Bro. Mervin Brown

Co-Convention Administrator/Logistics/Editor & Registration Coordinator

Chassidy Moore

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Souvenir Journal



We are extremely excited for the 156th Annual Session of the Virginia Baptist State Convention May 14-18, 2023. To commemorate this event, a souvenir booklet will be published. We respectfully request your support by placing a personal ad, business, or ministry ad in this booklet.

Please indicate the size of the advertisement :

Full Page \$200

Half Page \$ 150

Quarter Page \$75

Patron List: \$50

All photos must be photo ready, jpg, or png format. Please email ads, pictures, and/or logos to:

TheVBSC@comcast.net. Payments can be made via Givelify, VBSC website, or mailed to 813 Henry Street Norfolk, Va. 23504. Checks and Money orders should be made payable to: Virginia Baptist State Convention.

For questions regarding ads please contact Chassidy Moore 757-622-7418 or by email fcbchurch1@gmail.com. The deadline for payments and ad submissions is on or before May 1, 2023.

Thank you for your support



VBSC Christian Education Leadership School



2093 A Christian View Towards the Poor Hungry, and Disadvantaged

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper Jr., Richmond

PARTICIPANTS: Outreach Workers and Laity

This course will teach the importance and the responsibilities of the church from a biblical perspective as they relate to the development of outreach ministries aimed at providing assistance to the underprivileged and disabled in various categories.

5012 Becoming an Effective Member of the Diaconate Ministry

INSTRUCTOR: Deacon Danny Miller, Norfolk

PARTICIPANTS: Deacons and Deaconesses

This course will assist diaconate servants in becoming aware of the ministry's biblical basis. Participants will be enabled to perform their duties and work harmoniously with the pastor and other church leaders more effectively.

6017 Developing a Program for a Rural Church

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Waddell Jones, Rustburg

PARTICIPANTS: Leaders and Laypersons

Assist the rural church leader to assess the needs of the community. Emphasis is placed on the uniqueness of the rural community, resources available to the church community, and strategies for rural church development. Compare and contrast the programmatic elements of both rural and urban church ministries.

9018 Great Hymns of the Church: Their Origin and Meaning

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Janet Kay Copeland, Richmond

PARTICIPANTS: Musicians, Choir Members, and Laity

This course will make available a study on several of the great hymns of the church. The course investigates the history of the words and the music as well as the importance of the story in the song. Students will look at the meaning of the song for that day and make an application of the song for this day.

VBSC Christian Education
Leadership School cont.

9907 Characteristics of Expository Preaching

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Nicole Guns, Norfolk

PARTICIPANTS: Licensed Clergy and Pastors

This course will seek to sharpen the preacher's expository preaching skills. Students will look at such key research tools as word studies, biblical language skills, computer research, and the use of other sources of historical and hermeneutical value. Expository preaching, as a valuable tool in the preacher's skill set, will be presented as a tool that will sharpen the preacher's ability to research and preach a more effective sermon.

9914 Connecting the Local Church to the Community

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. H. Patrick Cason, Chesapeake

PARTICIPANTS: Trustees and Finance Persons

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

9925 Lexical Greek

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. William D. Tyree III, Norfolk

PARTICIPANTS: Christian Education and Laypersons

Participants will receive a brief introduction to Koine Greek, the language of the New Testament. Introduce students to the Greek lexicon and how to use it. Greek nouns, verb usages, and transliterations will be discussed. Students should be familiar with basic English grammar and the New Testament of the Bible.

*Message from the Desk of
Yvette Robinson
WMEA President*

We have had an exciting year participating in the following: Angel Tree Project, Scholarships, Donations to the Children's Home, The School in Lynchburg Foreign Mission, Day of Thanksgiving, Mission Emphasis, Visitation with 7 of the Districts.
God has truly blessed us!

We look forward to our 2023 session on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Cedar Street Baptist Church.



WMEA Schedule

Women's Breakfast at 6:30 am
Queen's Contest at 1:00 pm
Business meeting at 2:30 pm



THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC.

156th ANNUAL SESSION

PARENT BODY OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Dr. D. Tyrone Brandon, President

Instructions

Please type or print legibly in sections that apply. To pre-register, this form and appropriate registration fees must be submitted by May 1, 2023. The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc. 813 Henry Street Norfolk, Virginia 23504

Checks made payable to Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.

Section I - Information

First Name	Last Name:		
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone Number:	Email Address:		
Church Name:	Pastor's Name:		
Church Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Church Phone Number:	Church Email Address:		
Association Name:	Moderator's Name:		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone Number:	First Time Attendee? (Y/N)		

<input type="checkbox"/> The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/> National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> National Baptist Convention of America
<input type="checkbox"/> National Missionary Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> American Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Gospel Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Baptist Convention

SECTION II – REGISTRATION FEES: PLEASE CHECK ONE

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Church 1-100 Members \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Church 101-500 Members \$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Church 501-999 Members \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Church 1000-1499 Members \$1,200	<input type="checkbox"/> Church 1500+ Members \$1,800
<input type="checkbox"/> Association \$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious and Non-Profit \$250.00	TOTAL DUE REGISTRATION:

SECTION III – CONTRIBUTIONS: PLEASE INDICATE THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO DONATE IN THE SPACES PROVIDED

Mission Contributions	Educational Contributions
Children's Home of VA Baptist \$	VUU SDP School of Theology \$
Evangelism Board \$	Virginia University of Lynchburg \$
Foreign Mission \$	President's Love Gift \$
Home Mission Board \$	
Department Contributions	
Christian Education \$	Women in Ministry \$
Deacon/Deaconess \$	Ushers \$
Young Pastors & Ministers \$	Youth & Young Adult \$

TOTAL DUE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Section IV - Four of which are included when the full registration fee is paid. For each of the additional six Voting Delegates a fee of \$25 must be paid.	
Name:	Email Address:
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Total Due:	
Signature:	
For Office Use Only	
Receipt # and Date:	
Registered By:	



**The Women's Missionary and Educational Auxiliary
of
THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC.**

Registration Form

Please forward to: VBSC State Convention Headquarters 813 Henry Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23504

Date: _____

Association Registration \$100

Association: _____

Association President: _____

President's Address: _____

Moderator's Name: _____

Church Missionaries Registration \$50

Church's Name: _____

Missionary President: _____

President's Address: _____

Pastor: _____

Association: _____

Individual Registration \$25

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Pastor: _____

Association: _____



For Office Use Only:

Reviewed By: _____

Date: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____

**The Virginia Baptist Layman's League of
THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC.**



**32nd Annual Session
May 15th - 18th, 2023**

Registration Form

To Pre-register, this form and appropriate registration fees should be submitted by May 1, 2023.

Individual Registration \$25

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Church's Address: _____

Pastor: _____

Association: _____

Church Laymen's League or Men's Ministry Registration \$50

Church Circle: _____

Circle President: _____

President's Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pastor: _____

Association: _____

**Please forward to:
The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc. 813 Henry Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23504**

Please make checks payable to *The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.*

All Registrations will be done by the Parent Body

For Office Use Only:

Reviewed By: _____

Date: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____



Young Pastors and Ministers Department of THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC.

Registration Form

Individual Registration \$20

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor: _____

Association: _____

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Special Offering



*All Churches are asked to take up a special offering
on the 1st Sunday in May for the Foreign Mission and
Home Mission of VBSC.*

*All of these donations are to be presented
during the convention.*

Love Offering for the President

President D. Tyrone Brandon has served our convention faithfully this year as President.

Let us show our gratitude on Wednesday night, May 17, 2023, with a special offering.

We are asking:

All Churches to give a minimum of \$200.00

All Convention and Auxiliary Leaders to give a minimum of \$100.00

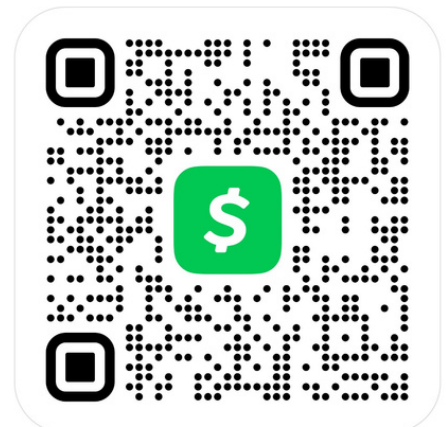
All Pastors, Ministers and Moderators to give a minimum of \$100.00

All others to give at least \$50.00

Thanks In Advance,
Dr. Waddell G. Jones, Jr.
Vice President at Large



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Darran Brandon



What is a Macedonian Church?



"And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.' In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.' For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 'they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us." – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 NIV

The Virginia Baptist State Convention needs a steady cash flow to meet its ministry objectives all year long.

NEED

Virginia Baptist State Convention supports seminary education, children's home, home missions, foreign mission, disaster relief, convention administration and much more.

One hundred churches are encouraged to give monthly to Virginia Baptist State Convention. We want to encourage smaller churches to participate and larger churches to carry a fair share of the weight for the Ministry of The Virginia Baptist State Convention. We have set church participation as follows:

0 – 100 Members	\$50.00 per month
101-250 Members	\$150.00 per month
251-500 Members	\$200.00 per month
501-1000 Members	\$250.00 per month
1001+ Members	\$300.00 per month

Each church may register (4) voting delegates at the Annual Session in May. Each Pastor will receive a special Medallion to be worn during VBSC Sessions. Each Church will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the President's Banquet.

Each Church will receive preferred seating at the President's Banquet. Each Church will receive a special recognition certificate during the President's Banquet.

(Adopted December 2005)