

MARCH 2024



The 157 th Annual Session of the Virginia Baptist State Convention

"Church.....Now!"
Ephesians 2:13; 5:18

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. The theme for this session is "Church....NOW!" Ephesians 2:13; 5:18 so please join us for an awesome session.

This communication is being sent to inform you of our upcoming 157th Annual Convention that is scheduled for May 12th – May 17th in Norfolk, Virginia. The Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510 is the host hotel. We will begin with a concert on Sunday, May 12th, at First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, at 6:30pm.

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 Norfolk May 12th at the opening concert.

In His Glorious Service,

Dr. Tyrone Brandon, Sr.

President, The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.

Convention Hotel Accommodations:



Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 East Main Street,
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Rates \$149 per night (VBSC Rate)

Book By April 22, 2024
1-757-627-4200

Registration

Pre-registration due by May 1, 2024
to Office of the President

Onsite Registration
May 13th-16th
9am until 4pm - Lobby
Norfolk Waterside Marriott

Office of the President

Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.
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Norfolk, Virginia 23504
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The 157th Annual Session of the Virginia Baptist State Convention

Convention Highlights

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Convention Concert ~ 6:30 pm

“Bring the Choirs Back”

First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia

Monday, May 13, 2024

8:00 am until 4:00 pm - Registration

Norfolk Waterside Marriott

12 noon - Women’s Missionary and Educational Auxiliary Luncheon

2:30pm - 3:30pm - Business Meeting

(Please note this will be a business meeting and only
registered delegates will be allowed to vote)

3:30 pm -5pm - Panel - A Collaboration with the Young Pastor and Young Ministers

7:00 pm Opening Worship & Communion Service

First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia

Evening Preacher

Pastor Dr. Terry Anderson

Lilly Grove Baptist Church, Houston, Texas



Convention Highlights



Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:30 am

Convention in Prayer & Praise

9:00 am

Official Opening ~ Morning Manna

12 noon

Community Luncheon

Dr. Milton Bunting

Baptist General Convention

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. VBSC Christian Education Courses

3:30pm - 4:30pm - Auxiliary Break Out Sessions

Evening Break

7:00 pm

PRESIDENTIAL “SNEAKER” GALA



Convention Highlights



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**WMEA Prayer Breakfast
6:30am**

**8:30 am - Convention in Prayer and Praise
8:45 am - Morning Manna**

**9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Virginia Baptist State Convention Missions
Foreign Missions ~ Home Missions**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. The Baptist Center (Children's Home of Virginia Baptist)

10:15 am - 11:00 am Laymen's Hour

12 noon - Lunch

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

**Missionary Hour
King and Queen Rally**

**WMEA Annual Address
Sis. Yvette Robinson, President**

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



Convention Highlights



Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:30 am - Convention in Prayer and Praise

8:45 am - Morning Manna

9:15 am – 10:15 am - Virginia University of Lynchburg

Dr. Kathy Franklin

12 noon - Lunch and Afternoon Break

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. VBSC Christian Education Leadership Classes
and Commencement**

Evening Break

7:00 pm - Convention in Worship



Christian Education Courses



Tuesday, May 14th - Thursday, May 16, 2024

“Shining Light in Darkness”: Mental Health and the Church

Dr. Matthew Brown

St. Paul High Street Baptist Church

Martinsville, VA

“Then Sings My Soul:” The Relationship Between the Pastor and the Music Ministry

Pastor Jamaar Jones

First Baptist Church East End

Newport News, VA

“Church...Now!”: Reorganizaing the Church for Maximum Impact after the Pandemic

Dr. Kevin Northam

Olive Branch Baptist Church

Dinwiddie, VA

“We Fight On”: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church

Sis. Levaughn Taylor

Second Calvary Baptist Church

Norfolk, VA

“What Do We Believe”: A Discussion on Baptist Doctrine

Rev. Hazel Harrod

Colossians Baptist Church

Newport News, VA



*VBSC 2023-2024
Leadership*



Parent Body Officers

- President.....Dr. Darran Brandon, Sr.
- Vice President at LargeDr. Waddell Jones
- 1st Vice PresidentDr. Kevin White
- 2nd Vice PresidentRev. Matthew L. Brown
- 3rd Vice PresidentDr. LeRoy Mitchell
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- Assistant Recording Sec.....Dr. Kevin Donalson
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- Assistant TreasurerSis. Bettis Bacchus
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- HistorianDr. 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



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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	Rev. Jocelyn Blount
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	
State Director, Prison Family Ministry	Minister Samuel Moore
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

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Leadership cont.*

ASSOCIATIONS & MODERATORS

Bethany Baptist Association	Dr. George W. C. Lyons, Jr.
Clinch River Baptist Association	Rev. Leroy Kain
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Peaks of Otter Baptist Association	Rev. Mays
Pigg River Association	Rev. Coleman Wright
Rock Fish Association	Rev. Rodney Sandridge
Sharon Association	Rev. Jermaine Scates
Smith River Association.....	Dr. Charles Whitfield
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

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156th Annual Session

May 12 - May 17, 2024
First Calvary Baptist Church
813 Henry Street, Norfolk, VA 23504

SOUVENIR BOOKLET AD FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company/Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

AD SIZE:

Full Page:
\$250
8.5" X 11" ad

Half Page:
\$150
8.5" X 5.5" ad

Quarter Page:
\$100
4.45" X 5.5" ad

Total Due:

All digital ads and payments must be received by April 1st!

- Please submit the ad form and ad electronically to fcbchurch1@gmail.com, by the registration deadline above.
- All ads must be digital and submitted in PDF and JPG formats. Ads will be printed as they are received (i.e. color, fonts, text), if there is a need to adjust, you will be contacted.
- Make checks payable to: **The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.**, and mail them to First Calvary Baptist Church, 813 Henry Street, Norfolk, VA 23504. Please email fcbchurch1@gmail.com for electronic payment options.

Please sign below to acknowledge understanding of the information stated above and your intent to abide by the convention administrative guidelines.

Signature and Date:

Form Received: _____	Office Use Only	Ad Page: _____
Payment Received: _____	Check Number: _____	Payment Amount: _____



THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, INC.

157th 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, 2024. 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	
The Baptist Center (Children's Home) \$		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:
Name:	Email Address:
Name:	Email Address:
Name:	Email Address:

Section V - 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:	
Name:	
Name:	
Name:	
Name:	
Name:	

Total Due Delegates:

Section VI - 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:	Name:
Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:

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.



33rd Annual Session
May 12th - 17th, 2024

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: _____

Please forward to:
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All Registrations will be done by the Parent Body

For Office Use Only:

Reviewed By:

Date:

Check #:

Amount:

*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 15, 2024, 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

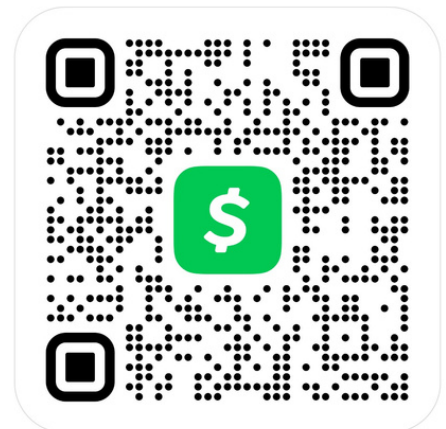
All Pastors, Ministers and Moderators to give a minimum of \$100.00

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.

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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)

