

***The One Hundred Fiftieth  
Annual Session Of the  
Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Association***



**SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**

3404 West Beltline Blvd  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203  
Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr., Pastor

**OCTOBER 15-19, 2017**

**THEME**

“Honoring the Past and Pressing Towards the Future Through Missions”

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 28: 19-20; Acts 1:8

**Gethsemane Baptist Association Parent Body Officers**

Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Moderator  
Reverend Dr. Walter Butler, Vice Moderator  
Reverend D.S. President, Secretary  
Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Noble, Assistant Secretary  
Reverend Tommy Gibson, Treasurer  
Reverend Dr. Ricky Watkins, Assistant Treasurer  
Ms. Tangela Nichols, Executive Administrator

**Gethsemane Baptist Association Congress Officers**

Reverend Dr. Leander West, President  
Reverend Henry Edmonds, Jr., Vice President  
Reverend Michael Baker, Dean  
Reverend Reginald Belton, Assistant Dean  
Reverend Charles Epps, Secretary

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**Sunday, October 15, 2017 - Youth Auxiliary Night**

5:00pm: Youth Worship Service

**Preacher: Reverend Broderick Prioleau**

**Monday, October 16, 2017 - Welcome Night**

5:45pm - 6:45pm: Association Business Meeting

6:50pm - 7:30pm: Meet and Greet Reception

**Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis**

*“New” President, Benedict College*

7:35pm - Worship Service

**Speaker: Dr. James Blassingame**

*President, The Baptist E & M Convention of SC*

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - Congress of Christian Education Night**

4:45pm - 5:50pm: Dinner Served

5:55pm - 6:25pm: Association Thematic Lecture

**Lecturer: Rev. Kevin Sheppard, Pastor**

*Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chapin, SC*

6:30pm - 7:25pm: Congress in Training Workshops

7:30pm: Worship Service

**Preacher: Reverend Dr. Leander West**

*Congress President &*

*Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Blythewood, SC*

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**Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - Women's Auxiliary Night**

*4:45pm - 5:50pm: Dinner Served*

*5:55pm - 6:25pm: Mission's Lecture*

*Lecturer: **Sister Jesse Chandler***

*President, GMBA Women's Auxiliary*

*6:30pm - 7:25pm: Congress in Training Workshops*

*7:30pm - Worship Service*

*Speaker: TBA*

**Thursday, October 19, 2017 - Moderator's Night**

*4:45pm - 5:50pm: Dinner Served*

*5:55pm - 6:25pm: Memorial and Reflections Moment*

*6:30pm - 7:25pm: Congress in Training Workshops*

*7:30pm: Worship Service*

*Preacher: **Reverend Dr. Joe Albert Bush***

*Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Bronx, NY*

# Congress of Christian Education Classes

**CLASSESS WILL BEGIN ON**

**October 17-19, 2017**

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Ministers Division (Pastors Only) - Facilitator: Rev. Dr. James Jamison**

*Renewed Focus on Empowering Pastors to Preach & Teach the Great Commission.*

**Leadership Division (Deacons & Deacons In-Training) - Facilitator: Deacon James Dixon**

*Renewed Focus on Equipping Deacons for the 21st Century Ministry & Missions:  
The New Millennium Deacon.*

**Leadership Division (Trustees and Trustees In-Training) - Facilitator: Rev. Johnny Owens**

*Renewed Focus on Developing Trustees to do the Work of the Great Commission:  
Developing Multiple Streams of Income.*

**Women's Division - Facilitator: Sister Crystal Myers**

*Renewed Focus on Missions in Women's Ministries: Knowing your Worth.*

**Baptist Doctrine Division - Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Noble**

*Renewed Focus on Teaching Baptist Doctrine with emphasis on the Great Commission:  
What Baptists Believe, Understanding our Doctrine.*

**Church Ministries Division - Facilitator: Minister Byron Dixon**

*Renewed Focus on the Great Commission in Praise:  
Understanding & Planning for Praise and Worship.*

**Evangelism Seminar - Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Rickey Glenn**

*Renewed Focus on Evangelism and Empowering Lay Leaders  
to Share the Great Commission: Going Out to Work Before Worship.*

**Youth Worker - Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Abraham Salley**

*Renewed Focus on Missions and Ministry for today's youth:  
Understanding the Mission of Ministering to Millennial*

