Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
146th Annual Session (Virtual)
April 4-7, 2021

Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr.  
President

Dr. Jerry B. Alexander, Jr.  
General Secretary

Virtual Annual Session

Virtual Annual Session Planning Committee
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Dr. Isaac Manning Jr., Second Vice President
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Dr. Edward Bland, Fourth Vice President
Reverend Toby T. Philpart, Fifth Vice President
Dr. Bentley Thomas, Territorial Vice President
Sunday, April 4, 2021
Registration available on FGBC, Inc. website

6:00-7:15 P.M. .................................................Board Meeting (live) webinar
Dr. Jerone Gamble, Chairman of the Board
Dr. Reginald R. Edwards Sr., Board Secretary

Sunday, April 4, 2021
Convention Opening
First Session, 7:15 P.M.

Presentation of the President ........................................Dr. Michael D. Warren, Apopka
Vice President at Large

Convention Called to Order........................................President C. P. Preston Jr., Miami

Song of Praise....................................................Minister Darien K. Bolden, Jr., Jacksonville, FL

Offertory Appeal...................................................Dr. Quintin P. Woods, Palm Bay, FL

Sermon......................................................................Dr. Howard Barr, Delray Beach, FL

Monday, April 5, 2021
Second Session, 9:00 A.M.

9:00-10:00 A.M. .....................................................Pastor’s Conference

Topic: “Transitioning Back into the Sanctuary”
Facilitator: Dr. Eugene W. Diamond, Jacksonville

10:00 A.M. .................................................Offertory Appeal...............Dr. Johnnie L. Barber, Miami

10:05 A.M. ..................................................Morning Sermon..............Dr. Edward Bland, Ocala, FL
Fourth Vice President

Adjournment

Monday, April 5, 2021
Third Session, 6:00 P.M.

6:00-6:30 P.M. .......................Sermon...........Dr. Douglas A. Hamilton, New Smyrna
First Vice President

6:30-7:15 P.M. ..................................................Young People’s President Address
Sister Cecilia Pittman, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

7:15-8:00 P.M. ..................................................Women’s President Address
Sister Audrey A. White, Jacksonville, FL
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Third Session, 9:00 A.M.

9:00-10:30 A.M. .................................................................Pastor’s Conference

**Topic: “Media/Technology in the Church”**
Facilitator: Pastor Demetric Ford, Deerfield Beach

10:00 A.M. .................................................................Offertory Appeal...........Dr. Arthur D. Sims, Orlando, FL
10:05 A.M. .................................................................Sermon......................Dr. Isaac Manning, Monticello, FL
                                              Second Vice President

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Fourth Session, 6:00 P.M.

6:00-6:45 P.M. .................................................................Laymen’s President Address
                                                          Deacon Thomas C. Adams, Clermont, FL
6:45-7:30 P.M. .................................................................Young Pastor’s President Address
                                                                  Reverend Keith Blunt, Ocala, FL
7:30-8:15 P.M. .................................................................Moderator’s President Address
                                                              Dr. Carl Johnson, Miami, FL

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Fifth Session, 9:00 A.M.

9:00-10:30 A.M. .........................................................................Pastor’s Conference

  **Topic: “We’re Stuck, But We Need to Shift:**
  Transforming the Mindset of the Saints for A Spiritually Productive Work”
  Dr. Jacob Johnson, VP at Large NBC Moderators Auxiliary

10:00 A.M. .................................................................Offertory Appeal.........................................................
10:05 A.M. .................................................................Sermon............Reverend Toby T. Philpart, West Palm Beach
                                                      Fifth Vice President

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
President’s Night
Sixth Session, 6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. .....................................................................President’s Annual Address
                                                      Dr. C. P. Preston Jr., Miami, FL

**Closing of the 146th Annual Session**
President C. P. Preston, Jr., Miami, FL
Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., President

Women’s Auxiliary Board Meeting
Sister Audrey Austin White, President
Sister Brenda B. Cusack, Board Chair
Sister Shirley R. Woods, General Secretary

Monday, April 5, 2021  9:00-10:30 A.M.

Call to Order................................................................. Sister Brenda B. Cusack
Opening Selection...................................................... Sister Annie Munns, Corresponding Secretary
The Exaltation......................................................... Sister Charlotte Lovelace, District President, First West Florida
The Prayer....................................................................... Sister Carolyn Brown, Gateway Association
Establish Protocol....................................................... Sister Barbara Moore, Parliamentarian
Roll Call........................................................................ Sister Shirley R. Woods, General Secretary
The Welcome............................................................ Sister Virginia P. Hayes, West Coast Association
Inspirational Message................................................ Reverend Joyce Wright, Chaplain
Recognition of Convention Gems................................. Sisters Myrna Miles/Willie Mae Blount
Welcome of First Time Attendees......................... Sister Ophelia Morrison, District President Seaboard Association
What Do I Do?........................................................ Sister Jean Reddick, District President Union Progressive Association
President’s Report........................................................ President Audrey A. White

Ministry Reports (3 minutes each) Total: 30 minutes

Baptist Youth Camp.................................................. Sister Zelda Cook Dolphin
Foreign Mission........................................................ Sisters Cora Gleason/Yvonne Floyd
Home Mission (Fashion Share)....................................... Sisters Delores Miller/Linda Smith
~ ~ Sister Rosa Richardson....................... Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, Inc., Monticello, FL ~ ~
House Party................................................................. Sister Patricia T. Carter
Intermediate Women................................................... Sister Angela M. Williams
Local Missions.......................................................... Sister Gloria Perkins
Minister’s Wives/Widows............................................... Sister Geraldine Morgan
Queen’s Revue.......................................................... Sisters Sharon Davis/Linda Bradley
Women in White........................................................ Sisters Shirley Franklin/Rutha Rayam
World Day of Prayer ................................................................. Reverend Darion Tyler/Annie Allen
Convention Overview .............................................................. Sister Margie K. Cody
Announcements ...................................................................... Sister Shirley R. Woods, General Secretary
Closing Remarks ...................................................................... President Audrey A. White

Theme

Our God of Peace

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 KJV
Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., President

Women’s Auxiliary
President Audrey Austin White

Third Annual Address
Color: Hot Pink/White

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FIRST SESSION
Monday, April 5, 2021                               7:15 P.M. -8:00 P.M.

Presiding
*Sister Thelma J. Mosley, Vice President At Large*

The Scripture..................................................................................................................Sister Everlena C. Derico, Third Vice President
The Prayer......................................................................................................................Sister Constance Pierce-Lackey, Sixth Vice President
The Welcome/Occasion.................................................................................................Sister Arzella M. Simpson, First Vice President

Greetings
Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., President, Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Sister Patricia T. Carter, President Emeritus, Women’s Auxiliary

Selection............................................................................................................................FGBC Fine Arts Music Auxiliary
Offertory Appeal.............................................................................................................Dr. Michael D. Warren, Vice President at Large FGBCI
Dr. Lantz G. Mills, Pastor, Mt Sinai MBC, Orlando

Presentation of President........Sister Alisha B. Nelson, District President First Bethlehem Association
Solo......................................................................................................................................Sister AuGena White Sapp, President’s Daughter

**President Audrey Austin White * Third Annual Address**
Acceptance of Address......................................................................................................Sister Thelma J. Mosley

Words of Appreciation/Closing Remarks
President Audrey A. White
Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., President

Women’s Auxiliary
Sister Audrey A. White, President
Sister Shirley R. Woods, General Secretary

SECOND SESSION
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Presiding
Sister Clementese Dixon, District President, Second Bethlehem Association

The Exaltation................Sister Angela DeVerger, District President Emanuel Progressive Association
The Prayer........................Sister Helen Hope, District President Bethlehem of Ocala Association

Official Opening
President Audrey A. White
Welcome........................Sister Janet Williams, District President St. Johns River Association

Greetings
Sister Dorothy Davis, President, Senior Women’s Ministry
Progressive M&E State Convention of Florida

Memorial Celebration.........................................................Sisters Maxine Simmons/Ann Floyd
Solo.................................................................Sister Evangeline Moore, NE United Association
Leadership Training.................................................................Sister Gaye Gamble
Theme Speaker.................................Sister Cheryl Myers, District President Bethel Association
Announcements.................................................................Sister Shirley Woods, General Secretary
Closing Remarks.................................................................President Audrey A. White
Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., President

Women’s Auxiliary
Sister Audrey A. White, President
Sister Shirley R. Woods, General Secretary

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THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

9:00 A.M. – 10:20 A.M.

Presiding
Sister Daina Davis, District President Union St. James Association

The Exaltation..........................Sister Janice R. Dowdell, District President Dade United Association
The Prayer..................................................Sister Malinda Collins, Florida East Coast Association
Testimony Time..............................Sister Geraldine Morgan, Bethlehem Association of Ocala
Panel Discussion..........................................................The Pandemic – “But God”

Moderator: Sister Angela M. Williams, Florida East Coast

Panelists
Sister Brenda B. Cusack, Mt. Zion NE Coast
Sister Zelda Cook Dolphin, Florida East Coast
Sister Gloria Simmons, Jerusalem
Sister Ollie Turner, Seaboard

Selection

Announcements.................................................. Sister Shirley R. Woods, General Secretary

Closing Remarks..........................................................President Audrey A. White
Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Dr. C. P. Preston Jr., President
Dr. Jerry B. Alexander Jr., General Secretary
Dr. Carl Johnson, Moderator’s President

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Moderator’s Auxiliary

Monday, April 5, 2021
First Session, 9:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M. .............................................. Session Call to Order .................... President Carl Johnson
9:05 A.M. .............................................. Moderator’s Conference
          Topic: “Pastoral Principles for Pressing through a Pandemic”
          Facilitator: Dr. Gaston E. Smith, Miami
10:15 A.M. .............................................. Closing Remarks .................... President Carl Johnson
Adjournment

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Second Session, 9:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M. .............................................. Call to Order .................... President Carl Johnson
9:05 A.M. .............................................. Moderator’s Conference
          Topic: “Pastoral Principles for Pressing through a Pandemic”
          Facilitator: Dr. Gaston E. Smith, Miami
10:15 A.M. .............................................. Closing Remarks .................... President Carl Johnson
Adjournment

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Moderator’s President Address

7:30 P.M. .............................................. Moderator’s President Annual Address
          Dr. Carl Johnson, Miami

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Third Session, 9:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M. .............................................. Call to Order .................... President Carl Johnson
9:05 A.M. .............................................. Moderator’s Conference
          Topic: “Moderators and Ministers Managing There Ministry’s During a Time of Misery”
          Facilitator: Dr. J. H. Miller, Sr., Pensacola
10:15 A.M. .............................................. Closing Remarks .................... President Carl Johnson
Adjournment
Florida General Baptist Convention Inc.
Dr. C. P. Preston Jr., President
Dr. Jerry B. Alexander Jr., General Secretary
Sister Cecilia Pittman, Young’s People President

Young People’s Auxiliary 93rd Annual Session

Monday, April 5, 2021
First Session, 4:00 P.M.
Sis. Gwen Parker, First Vice President, Presiding

4:00 P.M.........................Session Call To Order.........................President Cecilia Pittman
Praise and Worship Leaders.......................Rev. Philip Mercer and Sis. Phyllis Alderman
Greetings.................................................................President Cecilia Pittman
Prayers In The Garden..........................................................Two (2) Minute Limit Each
1.) Convention, Government & YPA Session: Sis. Shirley Franklin, First Central
2.) Convention Auxiliary Presidents & Leaders, Workers, Officers: Sis. Phyllis Alderman
3.) Youth/Young Adults: Min. Kimberly Allen, Union Progressive
4.) President Cecilia Pittman-Address & Program: Rev. Breon Williams, YPA Chaplin
THANK YOU FOR ZOOMING IN...........................................First Friends Sis. Bettye Gamble
Youth & Young Adult Presidents & President Emeritus Shout Outs
6:15 P.M. Sis. Cecilia Pittman - Annual Address

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Second Session, 4:00 P.M.
Sis. Cheryl Jarrell, Second Vice President & Deacon Johnny Milton,
Third Vice President, Presiding

4:00 P.M....................................................FELLOWSHIP T-E-A ‘Seasons of Worship’
Who Am I? (5) Minute Limit Each
1.) WINTER: Northwest Region
2.) SPRING: Central Region
3.) SUMMER: South & Southeast Region
4.) FALL: Northeast Region
CALL TO ACTION: National, State, District, Local Directors, Youth Workers, Youth Pastors
FORUM CHAT PANEL..............‘Whatcha Gonna Do Now?’.................Moderator: TBA

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Third Session, 4:00 P.M.
Minister Reggie Woods, Fourth Vice President &
Rev. Sabrina Hopkins- Vice President At Large, Presiding

4:00 P.M..................KICKING IT FRESH - 2021 - Isaiah 43:18-19 & Lamentations 3:22-24
Guest Presenter...............................Minister Raymond Jackson- W.P.B./Tampa FL
R.O.A.R.................................Dr. Mack King Carter Book Scholarship (3) Recipients
District/Association Shout-Outs...........................................(3) Minute Limit Each
Adjournment

FLORIDA GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL SESSIONS
YOUNG PASTOR’S AND MINISTERS AUXILIARY
Dr. C. P. Preston Jr., President
Dr. Jerry B. Alexander, Jr., General Secretary
Reverend Keith Blunt, Young Pastors/Ministers President

Monday, April 5, 2021
First Session, 9:00 A.M.

Young Pastors/Minister Call to Order.............................President Keith Blunt
Morning Greetings
Scripture/Opening Prayer.............................................Pastor Howard Barr, Delray
Understanding Your Calling.........................................Pastor Stanley Jacobs
New Covenant MBC, Ocala
Q&A 10:00 A.M.
Announcements..................................................Pastor Howard Barr, Delray Beach
(Registration, General Assembly)
Remarks/Closing Prayer.............................................President Keith Blunt, Ocala
Adjournment
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Second Session, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Greeting

Scripture/Opening Prayer...........................................Pastor Johnny L. Barber, Miami
Vice President at Large YPM

Disciplines For Leadership...........................................Pastor Alvin Baker
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Lake City

Q&A 10:00 A.M.

Announcements.......................................................Pastor Johnny L. Barber, Miami
(Registration, General Assembly, Young Pastor Hour)

Remarks/Closing Prayer.............................................President Keith Blunt, Ocala
Adjournment

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
6:45 P.M.

Young Pastors/Minister President Annual Address..............Pastor Keith Blunt, Ocala

Wednesday, April 7 2021
Third Session, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Greetings

Scripture/Opening Prayer...........................................Pastor Maurice Alexander, Okeechobee
Third Vice President of YPM

Serving This Present Age And Pandemic...............................Pastor Demetric Ford
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Deerfield Beach

Q&A 10:00 A.M.

Announcements.......................................................Pastor Maurice Alexander, Okeechobee
(Registration/ FGBC Presidents Night)

Closing Remarks, Staff

Remarks/Benediction....................................................President Keith Blunt, Ocala

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Seventy-Nineth Annual Session of the Laymen Auxiliary  
Dr. C. P. Preston Jr., President  
Dr. Jerry B. Alexander Jr., General Secretary  
Deacon Thomas Adams, Laymen’s President

Monday, April 5, 2021  
First Session, 9:00 A.M.  
President Thomas C. Adams, Presiding

Session Call to Order..................................................President Thomas C. Adams  
Scripture........................................................................Deacon Raymond Smith  
Prayer..............................................................................Deacon Ruben Mayes  
Introduction of Speaker...............................................Deacon Donald Rogers  
Speaker.........................................................................Dr. Harold Simmons  
Past President of Laymen, NBC, USA, Inc.  
Questions  
Closing Remarks.........................................................Deacon Stanley Holsey  
Closing Prayer  
Adjournment

Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
Second Session, 9:00 A.M.  
Deacon Stanley Holsey, Vice President At Large, Presiding

Opening.................................................................Deacon Stanley Holsey  
Scripture.................................................................Deacon Watson Dunham, Jr.  
Prayer.........................................................................Deacon Henry Sailor, Jr.  
Introduction of Speaker.........................................President Thomas C. Adams  
Speaker........................................................................Dr. Harold Simmons  
Past President of Laymen, NBC USA, Inc.  
Open Discussion  
Closing Remarks....................................................Deacon David Howell  
Closing Prayer  
Adjournment
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Laymen President Annual Address 6:00 P.M.

Scripture ................................................................. Deacon Elliott Myers, Jr.

Prayer

Introduction of Speaker ........................................ Sister Irma Jean Furlow Adams

Laymen’s President Address ................................... Deacon Thomas C. Adams

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Third Session, 9:00 A.M.
Sixth Annual William J. Tillman Memorial Period
Deacon Robert Daniels, Third Vice President, Presiding

Opening Song ......................................................... Deacon Donald Rogers

Scripture ................................................................. Deacon James F. Green, President Emeritus

Invocation .............................................................. Deacon Ruben Mays

From Labor to Reward
Lighting of the Candle

Roll Call ................................................................. District and Regional Presidents

Memorial Hymn ...................................................... (Hymn #65) .................................................. Deacon Stanley Holsey

Words of Thanks ..................................................... Deacon Robert Daniels

Closing remarks ...................................................... President Thomas C. Adams

Hymn #65
The Day is Passed and Gone

The day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear
Oh, may we all remember well
The night of death draws near

We lay our garments by,
Upon our bed to rest;
So death will soon disrobe us all
Of what we here possessed.

Adjournment
Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.

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