



42nd Annual Session
American Baptist Churches of the South
April 24-27, 2012
Sheraton Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA

Part I - 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & Part II- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Friday Equipping and Empowering Seminars

1. Christian Education from a Teaching Perspective (Part II)

What is needed to prepare teachers within the congregation to engage church members in bible based sessions that provide transformational ministry? Topics include knowing the audience, understanding the life of the church and the pastor, using the bible in context to increase biblical literacy, finding and using resources that prepare teachers to teach.

Instructor: Rev. Brenda B. Summerset

Location

Who should attend: Open to all, teachers, pastors

2. Great Hymns of the Church: Their Origin and Meaning (Part II)

This seminar includes a survey of historical patterns and the environment from which the great hymns of the Church emerged. Participants will discover the contributions of significant hymn writers. The message of select hymns will be described. A mini-concert will be given Friday evening with a medley of hymns used in the seminar.

Instructor: Minister Carlos Younger

Location:

Who should attend: Choir members, musicians, historians, open to all

3. The Mentoring Heart of Christian Women (Part II)

This class will speak to empower dynamic spirit-filled, Christian women to build exhilarating relationships with other women to walk with them in their journey through life. This class will provide models to accomplish this goal. *Recommended for All adult women*

Instructor: Dr. Jocelyn H. Whitehead

Location:

4. Who Helps the Helper When the Helper Needs Help?

The purpose of this course is to examine and explore ways of ministering to persons in the helping profession to cope and maintain their sense of joy and wellness while ministering to others. Who and what are the ways – i.e. spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally-are to meet the challenge and render a healing service that will assist a helper to stay positive and not suffer from burnout.

Instructor: Dr. Linda Kirkland Harris

Location:

Who should attend: Pastors, clergy, counselors, open to all

5. Why Planned Gifts? We Need Money Now!

What exactly is planned giving? And...with the urgent current budget needs, how can my church even think about this type of ministry? After all, won't it compete with and reduce current levels of giving? Let's explore these myths and address how planned giving complements the offering plate, creating a testimony of faith and ensuring support for the ministry today and for generations to come.

Instructor: Rev. Perkin Simpson

Location:

Who should attend: Pastors, Trustees, open to all