

79th Annual Session
of the
New Era Missionary Baptist District Association Congress of Christian Education
Donald Graves, Congress President ~ Gregory P. Nichols, District Moderator ~ Barbara Caldwell, Executive Secretary
Deans: Earnestine Eskridge ~ Marva Harper ~ Petula Traywick

Curriculum Description
June 7 - 11, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Department of Biblical Studies

1075: The Synoptic Gospel (COPP: Phase 2)

Focus on the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Students will study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as portrayed by these three writers. Through this comparative study, students will gain a more comprehensive understanding of Jesus' ministry.

Instructor: Pastor Cedric L. Sutton

Book: The Synoptic Gospels – by Keith F. Nickles

1082: The Sermon on the Mount (Elective)

Cover the teaching principles expounded by Jesus as He taught about kingdom principles and spiritual life. The two accounts (the books of Matthew and Luke) will be comparatively analyzed. Students will apply these teachings to various aspects of everyday living.

Instructor: Dr. Tonnice P. Bradford

Book: The Message of the Sermon on the Mount – by John R. W. Stott

1089: Survey of Romans (COPP: Phase 3)

Engage in an overview of major issues presented in Paul's doctrinal letter to the Roman Christians. Students will come to recognize each doctrinal truth presented in the book.

Instructor: Pastor William F. Snorgrass

Book: The Letter to the Romans – by William Barclay

1107: The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John (Elective)

Probe the letters of 1, 2, and 3 John, with emphases on authorships, dates, themes, and recipients. Students will be introduced to the prominent themes of each emphasis on John's teachings about love and the assurance of salvation.

Instructor: Dr. Thad W. Jones

Book: 1, 2, 3 John & Jude: Established in Truth...Marked by Love – by John F. MacArthur

1112: Survey of Revelation (COPP: Phase 4)

Explore the book of Revelation, with emphases on authorship, date, theme, and recipients. Discuss the prophetic themes, symbols, and interpretations of various revelations.

Instructor: Pastor Everett W. Hannon, Jr.

Book: The Revelation of John: Volume 1 – 2 – by William Barclay

Department of Christian Education

2060: Reaching and Keeping Those Under 40 (Elective)

Focus on the practical, simple ways of discovering the needs and interests of young adults. Emphasis will be placed on the development process of this age group, and the problems peculiar to them. Focus on methods that will assist the church to more actively involve young adults in the mission and work of the church.

Instructor: Bro. Ropheal S. Rogers

Book: Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60 – by Edward H. Hammett

2097: Rethinking Christian Ed. for Contemporary Innovations (Required for Re-certification)
Examine the current trends, methodologies, and practices in Christian education to determine their validity and alliance with the Scriptures.

Instructor: Dr. Serena J. Rowan

Book: The Christian Education Handbook – by Bruce P. Powers

Department of Church History

3007: History of Baptists (COPP: Phase 3)

Examine the roots of the Baptist faith. Students will study the historical development of the Baptist denomination.

Instructor: Pastor James P. Perkins

Book: Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Christian People – by Curtis W. Freeman

Department of Church Administration

6021: Spiritual Formation (COPP: Phase 1)

Enable people to mature in their Christian walks. Focus on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults---to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.

Deliberate on what it means to be Christians.

Instructor: Dean Robert L. Smith, II

Book: Spiritual Formation as If the Church Mattered – by James C. Wilhoit

Department of Church Growth

7002: Developing Skills for Sharing Your Faith (Elective)

Teach practical skills for sharing biblical knowledge, leading people through the Scriptures, introducing the Gospel, leading a person to Christ, praying for repentance and forgiveness, and introducing friends and family to Christ.

Instructor: Pastor Robert L. Milan, Jr.

Book: Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God – by J. I. Packer

7010: Introduction to Discipleship (COPP: Phase 3)

Introduce the believer to the biblical principle of discipleship. Examine the character traits of believers, while looking at the overall examples of Jesus. Study discipleship methods of Jesus and the difference between discipleship and membership.

Instructor: Dr. Sandra L. Jones

Book: Spiritual Discipleship – by J. Oswald Sanders

Department of Church Ministries

8035: The African-American Church and Social Justice (COPP: Phase 4)

Investigate the lives, theology, and methods of the great servants of God who dedicated their lives in the struggle for liberation of people. Discuss the role of the African-American church in the struggle for the liberation of people.

Instructor: Dr. Erma J. Reid

Book: To Serve the Present Age: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church – by Danielle Ayers

8052: Blended Families (Elective)

Introduce church leaders and participants to the unique challenges faced by blended families.

Introduce students to current literature and available resources for ministry to blended families.

Provide information and techniques for work with blended families.

Instructor: Pastor Tony P. Johnson

Book: Blended Families Successfully – by George S. Glass

Ministers' Wives & Widows Seminar

Study Topic: "How to Talk So Your Husband Will Listen & Listen So Your Husband Will Talk"

The influence of female and male communication carries power and can be awesome. It can be constructive and destructive. If it is constructive, it can light up a home and a man's whole life. You can help make him be the best man he can be. This class is directed to help women understand how to fulfill a man's life. Women, you have much influence in a man's life. You can help him become more than he could ever be without you!

Instructor: Sister Mary Roberson

*Class Book: (*Same Title) – by Rick Johnson*

Special Congress Seminar

Study Topic: Regentrification Through Christian Education (Church & Community Development) – Part II

The objective of the "Regentrification Through Christian Education Stewardship Seminar" is to equip individuals, churches, non-profits, and businesses to engage this present age in "Kingdom Excellence" through the following:

-Ministry Needs Analysis (MNA), Hands-On exercises, and Development of growth plans

Instructor: Bishop John Lewis, Jr.

Class Syllabus Provided to Students