

**First District Association of Baptists
In Kentucky
Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Moderator**

159th Annual Session



**Wednesday, September 24th, 2025
Thursday, September 25th, 2025**

Host Church

**Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
108 Burton Lane • Earlington, KY 42410
Rev. Terrence Minor, Host Pastor**

General Theme

***“Moving Forward While Being Forged
in Our Faith”
Colossians 2:1-10***

Greetings from the Moderator



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you all in the matchless name of Jesus the Christ.

We are grateful to God for allowing us to convene last year for our 158th Annual Session, which convened at Durrett Avenue Baptist Church, Hopkinsville. We thank Pastor and First Lady Deeds as well as the Durrett Avenue family for serving as gracious hosts during that impactful session.

As we all know, we find ourselves in unprecedented times. We are embarking in a season where the very ones that are charged with the genuine concern and care of all cultures and communities, have expressed a disregard for those of the community of color not only through disrespectful dialogue, but with disenfranchising legislature. We of the ecumenical community must possess the right disposition while remaining in the right position to assist our community in their time of need.

We continue to pray for the families of so many who were with us and made the transition from labor to reward. They would remind us that the work must continue; therefore, it is with great anticipation that we prepare our hearts and hands to serve God towards the close of our 159th session, and in the years to come.

We are excited that you decided to join us for a session designed to edify, enrich, and encourage all its participants. We thank God for Pastor Minor and the Mt. Zion MBC family for hosting this grand event and thank them in advance for their hospitality.

Our general theme is ***“Moving Forward While Being Forged in our Faith” Colossians 2:1-10***, and we will be “closing out” this session by continuing to appreciate the need for ***“Maintaining Biblical Truths and Teachings” 2 Thessalonians 2:15***. There will be Christian Education available for all, and we ask that you make yourself available and open to the potential for spiritual growth and maturity.

I am honored and continuously humbled by the fact that I have been chosen to serve as your moderator, and constantly pray that we keep an open, persistent, personal, and genuine line of communication with one another and with God.

May God continue to bless this great district and all of its constituents!

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Dr. Collazo

Greetings from the Host Pastor



Greetings,

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church considers it a blessed privilege to serve as host church for the 159th Annual Session of the First District Association of Baptists in Kentucky. We gather not just as individuals, but as a family of believers, united in our love for Christ.

As we embark on this spiritual experience, may we savor the opportunity to share in fellowship with one another. Let us open our hearts and our spirits to the promise of God's presence wherever two or three are gathered in His name.

In His Service,

Rev. Terrence E. Minor Sr.
Pastor

Wednesday Morning, September 24, 2025
Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Presiding

8:00 am-9:00 am..... Registration

9:00 am..... Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture/Prayer..... Pulpit

9:20 am -9:35 am.....Reading and Adoption of Program/Appointment of Committees

BREAK OUT SESSION #1

9:45 – 11:00

See page 9 for list of workshops

Introduction of Preacher..... Pulpit

Selection

Preached Word..... Rev. Carl Copeland
Pastor; Harrison Street Baptist Church, Princeton, Kentucky

Invitation to Discipleship Pulpit

Invitational Selection

Worship Through Giving Finance Committee

RemarksRev. Terrence Minor, Host Pastor

Adjournment..... Moderator Collazo

12:00 Noon.....LUNCH



*Lunch will be provided onsite with menu and price
provided by our hosts.*

Afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m.



Wednesday Afternoon, September 24, 2025
2nd Vice Mod. Pastor Aaron Pettus, Presiding

1:30 p.m..... Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture/Prayer..... Pulpit

Break Out Session #2

1:45 – 3:00

Greetings from Auxiliary Presidents

Congress of Christian Education.....President Rev. Joe T. Leavell
First District Ushers.....President Sammy Boyd
Ministers, Deacons & Laymen League.....President Rev. Kenneth Day
Women's Missionary & Educational Convention...President Paulette Jones

Worship Through Giving..... Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor
Moderator Collazo

Adjournment 2nd Vice Moderator Pettus

Evening Session begins at 7 pm



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“Serving with the Spirit of Excellence”

Faith ▪ Knowledge ▪ Fellowship

Wednesday Evening, September 24, 2025
1st Vice Mod. Byron Copeland, Presiding

6:30 -7:00..... Registration

7:00 p.m..... Call to Worship

Welcome Program.....Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Recognition of Visitors
&
Recognition of District/ State/ Regional/National Officers
2nd Vice Moderator Aaron Pettus

Introduction of Moderator.....1st Vice Mod. Byron Copeland

Selection..... Gordonsville Baptist Church

Moderator's Address.....Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo
Pastor, Gordonsville Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Moderator, First District Association of Baptists in Kentucky

Call to Discipleship.....Pulpit

Selection.....Gordonsville Baptist Church

Offertory Appeal..... Rev. Dr. Philip L. Suber
GABKY Western Regional/2nd Vice Moderator

Loving Offering..... Finance Committee

Presentation to Moderator.....President Paulette Jones; WMEC

Remarks & Benediction Host Pastor/Moderator

*Morning session begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration 30 minutes
prior.*

Thursday Morning, September 25, 2025
2nd Vice Mod. Aaron Pettus, Presiding

9:00 am..... Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture/Prayer..... Pulpit

Break Out Session #3

9:15 – 10:30

Hopkinsville College of the Bible Rally

Rev. Dr. M. O. Fort, President

Rev. James Dunbar, Trustee Board Chairman

DISTRICT BUSINESS SESSION

Committee Reports

Appropriations/Enrollment/Necrology/ New Churches/
Resolution/Time and Place/Trustee Board/Historian/Finance

Nomination Committee

**Report/Election and Installation of
Officers**

Call to DiscipleshipPresiding Officer

Invitational Selection

Worship in Giving..... Finance Committee

Remarks & Adjournment Pulpit

12:00 Noon.....LUNCH



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Afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon, September 25, 2025
Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Presiding

1:30 am..... Devotion and Praise

Worship in Song.....

Scripture/Prayer.....Pulpit

Break Out Session #4

1:45 – 3:00

Introduction of Preacher..... Pulpit

Selection

The Preached Word.....Rev. Dr. Allataye A. Russ Guildfield Missionary Baptist Church, Guthrie, Kentucky

Call to Discipleship..... Pulpit

Invitational Selection

Finance and Treasurer's Report

Remarks..... Host Pastor

Session Closing and Opening..... Moderator Collazo

Closing of the 159th Session

Opening of the 160th Session

Fellowship and Handshakes with

Closing Hymn "Near the Cross"

Benediction..... Pastor Allataye Russ



**“May God Be with You Until
We Meet Again.”**

Workshop #1 “Leadership Pain”- Author: Samuel Chand

Rev. Dr. Phillip L. Suber; Pastor, First Missionary Baptist Church, Elkton

Workshop # 2 “The Power of Character in Leadership”- Author: Dr. Myles Munroe

Rev. Terence Minor; Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Earlington

Workshop #3 “Who Moved My Pulpit”- Author: Thom S. Rainer

Rev. Dr. Micheal Quarles; Pastor, Flower Grove Baptist Church, Madisonville

Workshop #4 “Doing Church as a Team” – Author: Wayne Cordeiro

Rev. Joe Leavell; Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

**First District Officers/Executive Board
Members**

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A small illustration of a notepad with a pencil and a checklist. The notepad is open, showing a page with a checklist that has several items, some of which are checked off. A pencil is resting on the notepad. The notepad is placed on a light blue background.