

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

160th Annual Session



**Wednesday, September 23, 2026
Thursday, September 24, 2026**

Host Church

**Hopkinsville College of the Bible
125 N Vine St • Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Rev. Dr. M.O. Fort, President**

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 159th Annual Session, which convened at MT. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Earlington. We thank Pastor and First Lady Minor as well as the Mt. Zion 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 this 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 President Fort and the staff of the Hopkinsville College of the Bible 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 ***“Modeling Christ-Like Behavior” 1 Timothy 3:15***. 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 its constituents!

Your servant in Christ Jesus,
Dr. Collazo

Greetings from the Host Pastor



Dear First District Association of Baptist in Kentucky and All Auxiliaries,

On behalf of Hopkinsville College of the Bible, it is my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Moderator Collazo & staff, and the Parent Body of the First District Association of Baptists in Kentucky. We are honored to have you with us and grateful for the opportunity to welcome you to the Holy Hill.

Hopkinsville College of the Bible has a rich history rooted in faith, education, and service. Established in 1883 through the vision and inspiration of the leaders of the First District and Little River Associations, the College continues to carry forward a legacy built upon Christian leadership and a commitment to preparing believers for faithful service.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support, prayers, and partnership of the First District Association and all its auxiliaries. Your commitment to Hopkinsville College of the Bible is an important part of our history and remains essential as we look toward the future.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us the privilege of serving you. As we honor the foundation laid by those who came before us and look with faith toward the future, we are reminded of Philippians 1:6: *'Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.'*

Welcome to Hopkinsville College of the Bible!

In Christian Service,

Rev. Dr. M.O. Fort

President;
Hopkinsville College of the Bible

Wednesday Morning, September 23, 2026
Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Presiding

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m..... Registration

9:00 a.m. Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture/Prayer..... Pulpit

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

BREAK OUT SESSION #1

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

See page 9 for list of workshops

Introduction of Preacher..... Pulpit

Selection

Preached Word..... Elder Scott William Brown Pastor; St. John MBC, Murray, Kentucky

Invitation to Discipleship Pulpit

Invitational Selection

Worship Through Giving Finance Committee

Remarks Dr. Fort, 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 23, 2026
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 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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 Dorothy Green

Worship Through Giving..... Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor
Moderator Collazo

Adjournment 2nd Vice Moderator Pettus

Evening Session begins at 7 p.m.



First District Association of Baptists in Kentucky

Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Moderator

“Serving with the Spirit of Excellence”

Faith ▪ Knowledge ▪ Fellowship

Wednesday Evening, September 23, 2026
1st Vice Mod. Byron Copeland, Presiding

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

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

Welcome Program.....Gordonsville 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.....First District Choir

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.....First District Choir

Offertory Appeal..... Rev. Dr. Philip L. Suber
GABKY Western Regional/1st Vice Moderator

Loving Offering..... Finance Committee

Presentation to Moderator.....President Dorothy Green; WMEC

Remarks & Benediction Host Pastor/Moderator

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

Thursday Morning, September 24, 2026
2nd Vice Mod. Aaron Pettus, Presiding

9:00 a.m..... Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture/Prayer..... Pulpit

Break Out Session #3

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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 24, 2026
Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Presiding

1:30 p.m..... Devotion and Praise

Worship in Song.....

Scripture/Prayer.....Pulpit

Break Out Session #4

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of Preacher..... Pulpit

Selection

The Preached WordRev. George H. Madison
First Missionary Baptist Church, Henderson, Kentucky

Call to Discipleship..... Pulpit

Invitational Selection

Finance and Treasurer's Report

Remarks..... Host Pastor

Session Closing and Opening..... Moderator Collazo

Closing of the 160th Session

Opening of the 161st Session

Fellowship and Handshakes with
Closing Hymn "Down at the Cross"

Benediction..... Pastor George Madison



**“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. Terrence Minor; Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Earlington

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

Rev. Dr. Michael 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**

Moderator	Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo (<i>Gordonsville</i>)
1 st Vice Moderator	Pastor Byron Copeland (<i>Green Hill</i>)
2nd Vice Moderator	Pastor Aaron Pettus (<i>Foston Chapel</i>)
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Corresponding Secretary	Sis. Dorothy Green (<i>Queen Ann</i>)
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WMEC: Pres. Dorothy Green
CCE: Rev. Joe T. Leavell
Sis. Veronica Buckner
Sis Marcia Johnson
Rev. Dr. Phillip Suber
Rev. Dr. Michael Quarles
Rev. Dr. R.L. Jones
Rev. Charles Johnson
Rev. Ronald Kendrick
Rev. Cedric Cheatham

A Lifetime of Fighting for Kentucky



Rocky has devoted his life to public service, standing up for Democratic values and delivering results for people across the commonwealth. Now he is running for governor to lower costs, protect our schools and hospitals, defend our rights and take on every bad policy that makes life harder for Kentucky families.

Rocky grew up in Elliott County, the son of a father who was a public school educator and a mother who worked as a preschool teacher and a clerk at the local grocery store. He saw in them what service looks like in everyday life: showing up for people, keeping your word and doing right by your neighbors.

That example stayed with him from Morehead State University, where he played basketball and earned his degrees, to the classroom and then to the Kentucky House of Representatives, where he was elected at just 26 years old.

For the nearly four decades since then, Rocky has fought for the commonwealth, defended Democratic values and stood with Kentuckians. As Democratic leader in both the House majority and minority, he built relationships, knew the issues, understood the rules and delivered for the people he served. And when attacks came against workers, teachers, public employees, retirement security, health care and the rights of Kentuckians, Rocky took them head-on. Many of those wins are fights most Kentuckians never heard about, because he kept the harm from reaching their doors.

Rocky carried that work ethic into the executive branch as Senior Advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear, working with local officials and community leaders in every corner of Kentucky. He has continued helping communities solve problems, strengthen infrastructure, create jobs and move Kentucky forward.

A husband, father and grandfather, Rocky knows what is at stake when families are working hard, costs keep rising and decisions made far away hit home. He and his wife, Leah, are both cancer survivors. They know how quickly life can change, and they know the fear and cost of unexpected illness. That is why Rocky helped protect and expand access to care, including Kentucky's Medicaid expansion.

Now Rocky is running for governor to lower costs, defend our rights and take on the bad policies that make life harder for Kentuckians head-on, the way he always has. As governor, he will be in the fight with you.

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Prepare to Vote General Elections 2026

Oct 5

**Last day to
register to vote in
General Election**

**Sep 19-
Oct 20**

**Absentee ballot
request portal
open**

**Oct 29-
Oct 31**

**No Excuse,
In Person
Early Voting**

Nov 3

**General
Election Day
6 AM to 6 PM**

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