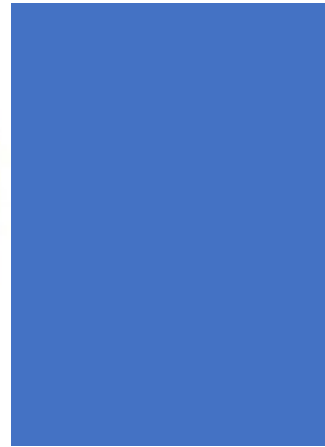
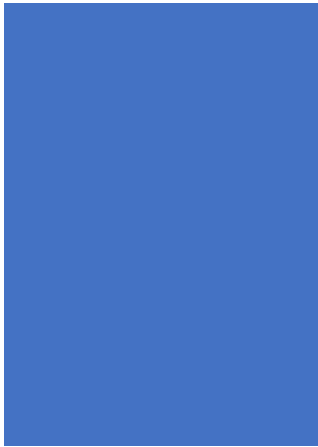


**First District Association
of Baptists in Kentucky**
Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Moderator

**41st ANNUAL
PASTOR'S CONFERENCE**



March 13th-14th, 2024
Theme: *"Moving Forward While Being Forged in Our Faith"*
Colossians 2:1-10

Guest Preachers
Rev. Dr. Virgil A. Hill
First Baptist Church
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Rev. Cedric R. Cheatham
Princeton Street Baptist Church
Crofton, Kentucky

Convening at
Virginia St. Baptist Church
Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Rev. Dr. M. O. Fort; Pastor



Conference Welcome

Fellow First District Pastors, and members,

It is with great enthusiasm, excitement, and anticipation that I welcome you to our 41st Pastors' conference. I look back in awe of what God has delivered us from to bring us to this place and time providentially. In my reflection, I am grateful that I was able to participate and grow from the conferences of times past. The pastors that preached boldly, the topics that were presented clearly, and the Christian educators that facilitated biblically were all contributors to the edification of this district, its local churches, and the universal church.

It is my prayer that our shared experience in next two days together will serve as the cement needed to reinforce the building blocks of Christianity. I hope that your time in formal teaching and preaching sessions, as well as informal and intimate one on one conversations bring you clarity where there is confusion, certainty where there is doubt, and hope where there is despair.

I am humbled that you prayerfully allow me to serve you as moderator and acknowledge that I “stand on the shoulders” of many great men that have served our district well. I believe we all stand on the shoulders of those that have served. Moderators, pastors, deacons, mothers, teachers, grandparents, and parents, that have all shared of themselves to introduce us to Jesus, and edified and embedded biblical truths that encourage us to move forward through the most difficult times of our lives. As we “***Move Forward While Being Forged in Our Faith***”, I believe we owe the same to those that will come after us! May you enjoy the next two days together, and may God receive all the Glory!

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Callaza



To all whom these greetings may find:

“O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for *his* mercy *endureth* forever.” Psalm 107:1

We here at Virginia Street Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome to the First District Association of Baptist in Kentucky. We are excited to host you as we come together for the 41st Annual Pastor’s Conference. To Moderator Collazo, District Staff, and Conference Delegates, our doors, as well as our hearts, are open to each of you. While you are here, take a moment to enjoy the presence of God, and ask Him to speak to your heart throughout this conference. Simply put, we pray that you enjoy your time while here at Virginia Street.

A special thank you to the guest preachers, Rev. Dr. Virgil Hill, and Pastor Cedric Cheatham. I pray that the Holy Spirit will stir up the gift and rekindle the fire that burns within our hearts as we hear the Word of God preached, testimonies shared, and songs of praise lifted this week.

Again, we thank you for choosing to worship with Virginia Street, and we welcome the opportunity to host you again in the future.

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.” Psalm 95:6

Yours in Christ,

Dr. M. O. Fort

Rev. Dr. M. O. Fort, Pastor
Virginia Street Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 13th

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Presiding

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

9:00am-9:15am.....Call to Worship/Praise & Worship....Pulpit/Musician

Scripture & Prayer..... Pulpit

**9:15am-9:30am.....Reading and Adoption of Program/
Appointment of Committees**

BREAKOUT SESSION

9:45am-10:45am.....Track I

11:00am-12:00pm.....Track II

Call to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer

Worship Through Giving.....(Thanks Offering)Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor M. O. Fort

Benediction/Adjournment..... Moderator Collazo

12:15pm-1:15pm Break for lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, March 13th

1st Vice Moderator, Rev. Byron Copeland, Presiding

General Session

1:30pm-1:45pm.....Praise & Worship..... Musician

Introduction of Preacher.....2nd Vice Moderator Byron Copeland

Song..... Musician

Message:

Rev. Cedric Cheatham; Pastor

Princeton St. Baptist Church, Crofton, KY

Dean; CCE

Call to Discipleship.....Moderator Copeland

Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor M. O. Fort

Benediction/Adjournment..... Moderator Collazo

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 13th

2nd Vice Moderator, Rev. Aaron Pettus, Presiding

6:00pm-7:00pm.....Registration

7:00pm.....Call to Worship..... Pulpit

Song.....First District Mass Choir

Scripture & Prayer..... Pulpit

Welcome.....Pastor M.O. Fort

Recognition of Guests: National, State and District OfficersPresiding Officer

Song.....First District Mass Choir

Introduction of Preacher..... Presiding Officer

Song.....First District Mass Choir

Message:

Rev. Dr. Virgil Hill

First Baptist Church Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Call to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer

Invitational Song.....First District Mass Choir

Special Conference Offering.....Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor M. O. Fort / Moderator Collazo

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Virgil Hill

THURSDAY MORNING, March 14th

1st Vice Moderator, Rev. Byron Copeland, Presiding

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

9:00am-9:15am.....Call to Worship/Praise & Worship...Pulpit/Musician

Scripture & Prayer..... Pulpit

BREAKOUT SESSION

9:30am-10:30am.....Track III

10:45am-11:45am.....Track IV

Call to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer

Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor M. O. Fort

Benediction/Adjournment..... Moderator Collazo

12:15pm-1:15pm Break for lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, March 14th

2nd Vice Moderator, Rev. Aaron Pettus, Presiding

1:30pm-1:45pm.....Praise & Worship..... Pulpit/Musician

BUSINESS SESSION

1:45pm-2:15pm COMMITTEE REPORTS.....All Committees

2:15pm-2:45pm.....Greetings from Auxiliary Presidents

Women's Missionary & Education Convention.....Sis. Paulette Jones, President

Congress of Christian Education.....Rev. LaBarron McAdoo, President

Ministers, Deacons, Laymen's League..... Rev. Thomas Jones, President

First District Ushers..... Bro. Sammy Boyd, President

Call to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer

Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor M. O. Fort

Adjournment..... Moderator Collazo



THURSDAY EVENING, March 14th

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo, Presiding

6:00pm-7:00pm.....Registration

7:00pm-7:15pm..... Call to Worship/Praise & Worship..... Pulpit/Musician

Scripture & Prayer..... Pulpit

Hopkinsville College of the Bible Offertory Appeal

Rev. James Dunbar, Chairman of Trustees

College Offering/Song.....HCB Trustees

Introduction of Preacher..... Presiding Officer

Song.....First District Mass Choir

Message:

Rev. Dr. Virgil Hill

First Baptist Church Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Call to Discipleship.....2nd Vice Moderator Pettus

Invitational Song.....First District Mass Choir

Conference Financial Report....Pastor Jamal Jenkins, Financial Secretary

Sis. Barbara Moore, Treasurer

Remarks.....Host: Pastor M. O. Fort/ Moderator Collazo

Closing Remarks & Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Virgil Hill

Tracks 1 & 3

“The Great Conflict of Christianity”

Deacon Ray Palmer; Gordonsville BC

Tracks 2 & 4

“The Struggle of Sanctification”

Rev. Jerry Smith; Gordonsville BC

All pastors will be participating in a round table discussion.



Rev. Dr. Virgil A. Hill

Rev. Dr. Virgil Allen Hill was born June 27, 1965, in Winchester, Kentucky, as the youngest of five children born to James Theodore and Mary Ella Hill. Pastor Hill is married to Vonda L. (Daugherty) Hill. and they are proud parents of five children and grandparents to six grandchildren. Rev. Hill accepted the Lord as his personal Lord and Savior at the early age of nine and was baptized at the Broadway Baptist Church in Winchester, Kentucky by the late Rev. Dr. Henry E. Baker.

Rev. Hill joined the United States Army for nine years and achieved the rank of staff sergeant with the special skills as a U.S. Army Drill Instructor, with one overseas tour to South Korea. Upon Virgil's discharge from the Army, he began to work at his home church in many capacities. In 1995, Rev. Hill answered his calling to the ministry and was licensed by Broadway Baptist Church. He was subsequently ordained in 1999 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks. Over the years, he served as Youth Minister for six years, Audio Ministry Director for seven years, Church Trustee, Sunday School teacher, and as a member of the acclaimed men's group "The Broadway Six," which recorded a studio tape at Broadway Baptist Church. In October 2000, Rev. Hill assumed the role of the 21st Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, where he has faithfully served since then, earning love and respect for his preaching fervor and commitment to his congregation.

Rev. Dr. Hill's commitment to academic excellence is evidenced by his academic achievements. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Education from Simmons Bible College in May 1999 Bachelor of Theology from Simmons Bible College in May 2000 Master of Divinity degree from The Master's Seminary in Evansville, Indiana in June 2002 Earned Doctor of Divinity from Newburgh Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana., Dec. 2023 Throughout his career, Rev. Hill has held various leadership positions, including Treasurer and Parliamentarian for the South District Association of Kentucky Baptist, President of the General Association of Kentucky Baptist "Ministers & Messengers," and Recording Secretary for The Consolidated Baptist District Association. Currently, he serves as the 2nd Vice Moderator for The Consolidated Baptist District Association in Lexington, Kentucky.

Additionally, Rev. Dr. Hill is the author of the acclaimed book "The Historical Black Church with a Millennial Mindset." He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Beta Lambda Chapter, (PHA) Masonic Mosaic Lodge #25, and He holds the esteemed title of Kentucky Colonel. Beyond his spiritual and professional endeavors, he enjoys traveling & fishing, he's an avid Corvette enthusiast, and percussionist.

A beloved and widely regarded as a courageous pastor, servant-leader, distinguished visionary, Rev. Dr. Virgil A. Hill is highly sought after as a lecturer and preacher on the national stage. He is passionate about spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, making the Word of God relevant in the lives of believers, and advancing the Kingdom of God in the congregation and community both locally and nationally. In all aspects of his life and ministry, Rev. Dr. Virgil A. Hill embodies the essence of a Born-Again Preacher of the Gospel.



Rev. Cedric R. Cheatham

The Rev. Cedric Cheatham is a child of God and a powerful preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is native of Clarksville Tennessee and a product the Clarksville Montgomery County school system.

He gave his life to Christ at the age six and started preaching at the age of fourteen under the leadership of his father the Rev. Clarence Ray Cheatham at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Cheatham was born in 1983 to the union of Betty and Clarence Cheatham, and since the inception of his ministry God has blessed him to preach and pastor at churches across the country. Whether he is preaching at conferences or churches, to hundreds or thousands, or simply a faithful few he preaches with a passion and clarity than enables those who hear him to understand the Word of God and apply it to their everyday lives.

He is an alumnus of American Baptist College of Nashville Tennessee where he was selected to represent the school in Nassau Bahamas. He also earned a Bachelor of Theology as well as a Master of Arts in Theology at the Faith Evangelical Seminary and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry at United Theological Seminary of Dayton Ohio.

Beyond his formal training Rev. Cedric Cheatham attends seminars and conferences across the country in an effort to continually grow in his communication of scriptures and his leadership of Gods people. Whether he is leading a song preaching a sermon or teaching a class his goal is to point people to God and build people up in their faith. He presently the Pastor of the Princeton Street Baptist Church in Crofton Ky, and humbly serves as the Dean of the Congress of Christian Education for our district.

First District Officers

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