

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

**43rd ANNUAL
PASTORS' CONFERENCE**



March 11th-12th, 2026
Theme: “*Modeling Christ-Like Behavior*”
1 Timothy 3:15

Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. C.B Akins; Pastor Emeritus
First Baptist Church Bracktown
Lexington, Kentucky

Convening at
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
801 East Fourth Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Rev. Joe T. Leavell, Pastor



Conference Welcome

Fellow First District Pastors and members,

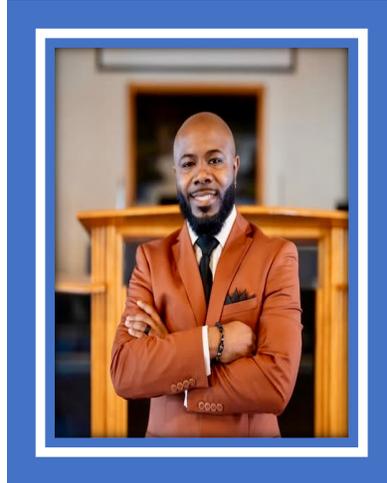
It is with great enthusiasm, excitement, and anticipation that I welcome you to our 43rd Pastors' conference. I look back in awe of what God has delivered us from to bring us to this place and time providentially. In my reflection, I am grateful that I was able to participate and grow from the conferences 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 encourage you to do so by “***Modeling Christ-Like Behavior***”! May you enjoy the next two days together, and may God receive all the Glory!

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Collazo



To all whom these greetings may find:

On behalf of the entire Mount Olive Baptist Church family, we warmly welcome the First District Association of Baptists in Kentucky. We are truly honored and grateful to host the 43rd Annual Pastor's Conference. To Moderator Collazo, District Staff, and Conference Delegates our hands and hearts are here to assist for this special time of worship, learning, and fellowship.

We believe this conference has been divinely appointed, and it is our prayer that every session, message, and moment will refresh your spirit, strengthen your faith, and encourage your walk with God. Whether you are here as a guest, leader, or speaker, please know that you are among family here.

Our team has prayed and prepared with expectation, trusting that God will meet us in a powerful way. We encourage you to come with an open heart, ready to receive all that the Lord desires to pour out during this week.

Once again, welcome to Mount Olive and may your time here be meaningful, impactful, and filled with the presence of God.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”
John 13:35

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Joe T. Leavell

Rev. Joe T. Leavell, Pastor
Mount Olive Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 11th

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-11:45am.....Workshops

Invitation to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer

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

Remarks.....Host Pastor

Benediction/Adjournment..... Presiding Officer

12:15pm-1:30pm Break for lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, March 11th

1st Vice Moderator, Rev. Byron Copeland, Presiding

General Session

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

Scripture & Prayer..... Pulpit

Breakout Session

2:00pm-3:30pm.....Workshop

Invitation to Discipleship.....Moderator Copeland

Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee

Remarks.....Host Pastor

Benediction/Adjournment..... Presiding Officer

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 11th

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.....Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Recognition of National, State and District Officers.....Presiding Officer
Song.....First District Mass Choir
Introduction of Preacher..... Presiding Officer
Song.....First District Mass Choir

Message:

Rev. Dr. C.B. Akins
First Baptist Church Bracktown
Lexington, Kentucky
Former Moderator of GABKY

Invitation to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer
Invitational Song.....First District Mass Choir
Special Conference Offering.....Finance Committee
Remarks.....Host Pastor / Moderator Collazo
Benediction.....Rev. Dr. C.B. Akins

THURSDAY MORNING, March 12th

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

9:45am-11:45am.....Workshops
Invitation to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer
Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee
Remarks.....Host Pastor
Benediction/Adjournment..... Presiding Officer

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, March 12th

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. Joe T. Leavell, President
Ministers, Deacons, Laymen's League..... Rev. Kenneth Day, President
First District Ushers..... Bro. Sammy Boyd, President

Invitation to Discipleship..... Presiding Officer

Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee
Remarks.....Host Pastor
Adjournment..... Presiding Officer

THURSDAY EVENING, March 12th

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

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Invitation 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 / Moderator Collazo
Closing Remarks & Benediction.....Rev. Dr. C.B. Akins

Workshops

Pastors & Preachers
"This is My Story"- A conversation led by Dean Cheatham with Rev. Dr. Phillip L. Suber and Rev. Dr. C.B. Akins.
"The Importance of Partnership Amongst Pastors"-
MDLL Pres. Kenneth Day

Parent Body
"Sacred Pathways: Nine Ways to Connect With God"-
Pastor Joe T. Leavell

Rev. Dr. C.B. Akins



Dr. C. B. Akins, Sr., is a native of Bath Springs, TN and the son of Robert and Mary Lee Akins. He is one of six children born to this union. He is married to the former Roszalyn Mack and is the father of four children: one son, C.J., and three daughters Alicia, Neesha, and CeKasha.

Dr. Akins was raised in church by a praying mother. Having responded to the call to the ministry in 1977, he was licensed to preach, ordained in 1980, and became the pastor of Carneal Chapel MBC in Paducah, KY from 1980-1983. In 1983 he accepted the call to pastor First Baptist Bracktown, Lexington, KY and has remained a faithful servant of God in growing the church exponentially. He has partnered with God to grow the church from 65 members to over 1,000 active members. In June 2006, a new church complex with a sanctuary seating over 900, classroom space for over 400, a library/computer/tutorial center, a family life center, an after-school and summer camp program for 80 children.

In his educational pursuit, Dr. Akins graduated from Carrier Mills High School, Carrier Mills, IL in 1968; from the Defense Language Institute, Czechoslovakian Dept., Monterey, CA, graduated 1971; University of Maryland, German Department, Rimbach, Germany, 1972; Draughon's Business College, Paducah, KY, graduated 1976; Paducah Community College, Paducah, KY, graduated 1978; University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, graduated 1993 BASW with honors; Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, graduated 1996 Master of Divinity; Simmons Bible College, Louisville, KY, 1998, received Honorary Dr. Of Divinity; and the Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, graduated 2001, Doctor of Ministry. Dr. Akins served in the United States Air Force from 1969-1973 and was honorably discharged as a multi-lingual interpreter. From 1973 to 1980 he taught foreign languages in the Military Intelligence Division of the US Army Reserves. He has also studied eight languages including, Czechoslovakian, Russian, Chinese Mandarin, German, French, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin.

With his proven leadership ability and as an avid leader in the community and throughout the state, he has had the opportunity to serve on numerous boards that include the Commerce Lexington Board of Directors; Fayette Educational Foundation Board of Directors (Charter Member); One Community One Voice Board of Directors; African-American Education Coalition (Charter Member); University of Kentucky President's Commission on Diversity (Charter Member), appointed by Governor Ernie Fletcher to serve as board member to the Kentucky Board of Education (2006-2011); Board of Trustees for Simmons College of Kentucky; Moderator, General Association of Baptist in Kentucky; Vice Chair Kentucky Board of Education (2009-2011); member Board of Trustees Midway College (2007-2011); and appointed by Governor Steve Beshear to serve on Board of Trustees for the University of Kentucky 2011-2017; Vice-Chair 2015-17. Dr. Akins has an affiliation with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, General Association of Baptists in KY, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Dr. Akins is the author of the Book "From Burden to Blessing". His motto is: "Our Sole Business is Soul Business."

Most recently, after 38 years of pastoring at First Baptist Bracktown, Dr. Akins retired on November 7, 2020. Dr. Akins is an in-demand preacher/speaker for revivals and conferences across the nation and is often called upon to support and to be a voice for disenfranchised cultures. After 44 years of preaching and 41 years of pastoring, Dr. Akins is available for speaking engagements, pulpit fill-ins, pastoral/church consultation, leadership and steward training.

In 2022, Pastor Akins released his second Book "Serve Faithfully – Exit Gracefully" on Planned Pastoral Succession.

