

**Program of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session**  
*of the*  
**ALABAMA STATE MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CONVENTION, INCORPORATED**



*To be held with the*

**SAINT PETER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*650 South Bayou Street  
Mobile, Alabama 36603*

**REVEREND CLEVELAND MCFARLAND, PASTOR**

**CONVENTION LOCATION**  
**Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel**  
64 South Water Street ~ Mobile, Alabama 36602

**THEME:**

**“God Can Be Trusted Always”**

**The Church’s Challenge to Be God’s Agent of Change**

**Biblical Text**

*Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm 119:59; Matthew 28:18-20*

**November 9-13, 2009**

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Rev. Nathan Ashby	Montgomery	2 Years	1868-1869
Rev. J. R. Stephens	Montgomery	1 Year	1870
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Rev. James Foster	Montgomery	3 Years	1873-75
Rev. Mansfield Taylor	Lowndesboro	11 Years	1876-87
Rev. W. R. Pettiford	Birmingham	5 Years	1888-92
Rev. C. S. Dinkins	Selma	1 Year	1893
Rev. J. P. Barton	Talladega	4 Years	1894-1897
Rev. J.Q.A. Wilhite	Birmingham	10 Years	1898-1907
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Rev. B.S.L. Hutchins	Eufaula	½ Year	1916
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Rev. U. J. Robinson	Mobile	17 Years	1954-71
Rev. A. W. Wilson	Montgomery	13 Years	1971-84
Rev. W. F. Alford	Montgomery	5 Years	1984-89
Rev. C. Howard Nevett	Fairfield	2 Years	1989-91
Rev. F. N. Nixon	York	4 Years	1991-95
Rev. Julius R. Scruggs	Huntsville	11 Years	1995-2006
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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

# **PRE-SESSION EVENTS**

**ALABAMA STATE MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

## **PASTORS' CONFERENCE**

**9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON**

## **MODERATORS' CONFERENCE**

**1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

## **STATE MISSION BOARD MEETING**

**3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**State Mission Board – Reverend D. Frazier, Chairman**  
Foreign Mission Representative – Dr. Collins Pettaway, Sr.  
Home Mission Representative – Reverend Charles Delaine  
State Benefit Plan Representative - Dr. Spencer Taylor  
Retirement & Annuity Representative - Dr. C. D. Patterson

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## **WELCOME PROGRAM**

**Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Riverview Plaza Hotel**  
*64 South Water Street*  
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*Reverend Cleveland McFarland, Pastor*

**7:00 P.M.**

# PROGRAM OF THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

## THEME

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9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

*Tuesday, November 10, 2009*

Reverend Frank Kennedy, Jr., Program Chairman

**9:00 A.M. – Registration      Pastor's Enrollment \$10.00**

9:30 A.M. Devotion: Reverend J. L. Miller/Reverend Raymond Cochran

## SYMPOSIUM – DISCUSSION

**Northwest Wing.....Reverend Leatha Ingram**  
**"Trusting God to Govern and Direct the Formulation of Family"**  
*Psalm 127:1; Joshua 24:15; Ephesians 5:21-33; Ephesians 6:1-4*

**Southwest Wing.....Reverend Rodney Morton**  
**"Trusting God to Govern and Direct Our Financial Formulations"**  
*Malachi 3:8-12; Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10; II Corinthians 9:6-8*

**Northeast Wing.....Reverend Norwert Hills**  
**"Trusting Direct Ministerial Efficacy"**  
*II Corinthians 4:1-7, 9; I Corinthians 4:1-2*

**Southeast Wing.....Reverend John Curry**  
**"Trusting God to Mature Us in Spiritual Formulations"**  
*Philippians 3:16; II Peter 3:18; John 15:1-7; Philippians 3:10*

**WORDS OF WISDOM.....President L. C. McMillian**

**RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS.....Reverend Eugene Cooks, Conference Chairman**

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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Dr. L. C. McMillian, General President

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Dr. Willie Peterson, Presiding

DEVOTION..... Reverend A. R. Williams

OPENING REMARKS.....Dr. Willie Peterson, *Chairman*

LECTURE .."*Maintaining Baptist Doctrine in the Local Association*".. Reverend Williams Phillips  
*Birmingham, AL*

LECTURE..... "*Handling Conflicts in the Local Association*" .....Reverend Leon Ross, Sr.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE.....Reverend Jerry Seay

OFFERING.....Reverend C. K. Sankey, Sr.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MODERATORS

OBSERVATIONS..... President L. C. McMillian  
*Alabama Baptist State Convention*

FINANCIAL REPORT

CLOSING REMARKS

BENEDICTION

**PRE-SESSION EVENTS**  
**ALABAMA STATE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
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**MINISTERS' SEMINAR**

Each Morning Wednesday – Friday  
November 11-13, 2009

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

*Dr. Edsel Davis, Director*

8:00 A.M.....Devotional Period

Reverend W. Vasser, *Coordinator*

**SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS**

SEMINAR I.....Reverend O. B. Smith, Speaker

SEMINAR II .....Reverend Frank Kennedy, Speaker

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS .....Director Edsel Davis

GREETINGS .....President L. C. McMillian

RECOGNITIONS

REMARKS

CLOSING