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**American Baptist General  
Convention of Texas**  
Reverend Kerry W. Tillmon, President  
Reverend Garry L. Roberts, General Secretary



**Official Program for the  
22nd Annual Session**

**Session Begins  
October 20th-22nd, 2020  
Opening each morning at 9:00 a.m.**

**Envisioning Our Future Exceptionally:  
"Through Our Commitment to  
Christian Stewardship"  
Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

**Covid-19 Edition**

**(Masks must be worn!!!)**



**Housing:**

Hampton Inn and Suites  
6431 Central City Blvd  
Galveston, TX 77551  
409-744-5600

King Room - 96.32

Queen Double Room - 87.72

Group Name: ABGCT

Deadline to reserve: October 2, 2020

*Notes*



**Mission Statement:**

The American Baptist General Convention of Texas:

Here for the Salvation of Texas...

Exalting the Savior-Edifying the Saints-Evangelizing the Sinner

**Liaison Officers:**

(appointed by Vice at Large President C. R. Williams, Sr.)

Brotherhood/Men of Christian Action

Rev. David Jackson

Senior Women/Mothers' Union

Rev. C. R. Williams, Sr.

WIA/Jr. Women

Rev. Michael Dwyer

Ushers/Nurses Corp

Rev. Errol S. Jones, Jr.

Minister's Wives

Rev. T. B. Parker

Music Department

Rev. LaCarlton Stephens

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Music Department \$600.00

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**22nd Annual Session**  
**Thursday, October 22, 2020**  
**President's Hour**  
**10:00 am**

**Call to order Vice President @ Large C. R. Williams**

Devotion Devotional Committee

Solo Sister Francis LaFleur

Presentation "Prophet's Cup" Presidents' Wives

Solo Deacon Harold Masson

Introduction of the President

**PRESIDENT'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL MESSAGE**  
**Reverend Kerry W. Tillmon**

*Pastor, West Point Baptist Church, Galveston*

*President, Baptist Ministers' Association*

*of Galveston, Galveston County*

*Moderator, American Baptist Eastern General*

*Association of Texas, Incorporated*

*President, American Baptist General Convention of Texas*

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Announcements General Secretary

Official Closing of the 22nd Annual Session of the  
American Baptist General Convention of Texas

Benediction



# *The President Speaks*

## **Welcome to the 22nd Annual Session of the American Baptist General Convention of Texas**

Greetings to all our friends and co-laborers for the cause of Christ.

We turn our faces, hearts and hands toward our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session and it is much like the journeying pilgrims of ancient Israel. We depart from individual fields of labor to collaborate with others of like faith and passion. We conquer the temptation to settle into a selfish and dangerous autonomy as we believe God calls us to Missions that can only be accomplished by working together.

We welcome you back to the sinking sandbar, Galveston Island. We are here where we celebrated our First Annual Session so many years ago. We gather in difficult times: a pandemic, economic recession and racial injustice being the topics of the day. But gather we must as the people of God for fellowship and all this Holy Convocation will do to and for us.

Upon becoming President, I led us into envisioning ourselves as both a **Missions Agency and Support Agency**. To this, we have upgraded the work of our Boards and we must continue to build on the progress. During the Session, may we Experience Transformed Lives thru the Power of God in this Session.

This serves as the Official Program for this Annual Session which will be held with Covid-19 in our minds. We will not be having a Musical and no class sessions. The Convention will officially open on **Tuesday Morning, October 20, 2020**. We have abbreviated the program so please note the various changes.

Those who cannot or choose not to attend can do so virtually thru Facebook or our website. You may also give thru Givelify.

Let's pray the Lord's blessings upon our efforts for the King and His Kingdom.

## President's Staff

Aide to the President	Reverend Errol Jones, Jr.
Budget Director	Sister Becky Bell
Chief of Staff	Sister Mary Ann Sandles
Devotional Leader	Reverend David Jackson
Executive Assistant	Sister Sharonda D. Dennis
Media Ministry	Sister Breana Freeman
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Asst. Minister of Music	Brother Isaac Moshay
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Security Officer	Sister Alfreda Reese
Special Assistant to the President/Marketing Director	Reverend Antonio T. Smith, Jr.
Special Assistant for Missions	Sister Kerisha Tillmon

Theme

Sister Phyllis Easley Bernard  
Sunlight Baptist Church, Houston

## President's Annual Address Sister Eva S. Tillmon West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

Solo

Sister Francis LaFleur  
Fellowship Baptist Church, Houston

## Pastor's Conference

Bible Lesson

Rev. T. B. Parker  
Greater Northeast Antioch Baptist Church, Houston

Theme

Rev. Gus Hunter  
Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Rosharon

## President's Annual Address Rev. Charles Carter, Jr. First St. Mark Baptist Church, Houston

Solo

Sister Michelle Carter  
First Saint Mark Baptist Church, Houston

## Wednesday October 21, 2020 President's Night

Called to order

President Tillmon

7:30 p.m.

Sermon

Rev. D. N. Benford  
Rising Star BC, Texas City

## Missions (Foreign 60%-Home 40%) Night

Association	\$300.00
Church	\$250.00
Cabinet Members	\$200.00
Pastor	\$150.00
Convention Auxiliary	\$100.00
Individual	\$50.00

Bible Lesson **Music Auxiliary Session**  
Rev. J. P. Hubbard  
New Guide Baptist Church, Houston

Theme Rev. B. J. Mason  
Mount Aria Baptist Church, Normangee

**President's Annual Address**  
**Sister Francis LaFleur**  
**Fellowship Baptist Church, Houston**

Solo Rev. B. T. Hill  
Rising Star Baptist Church, Grapeland

**Parent Body**

Bible Lesson Rev. G. L. Roberts  
Mount Sinai Baptist Church, San Antonio

Theme Rev. Arthur Wiley  
New Faith Baptist Church, Houston

Convention Sermon Rev. Isaac DeBose  
Lone Star BC, Trinity

Alternate Rev. F. L. Fillmore, Sr.  
Northland MBC, Houston

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**Wednesday October 21, 2020**  
Afternoon Session  
2:30 p.m.

**Ministers' Wives Auxiliary Session**

Devotion  
Bible Lesson Sister Iola Pee  
Second Corinth Baptist Church, Houston



*Greetings and Welcome*  
*to the*  
*22nd Annual Session*  
*of the*  
**AMERICAN BAPTIST**  
**GENERAL CONVENTION OF**  
**TEXAS**

The year 2020 started off with the usual fanfare, but by the beginning of spring break this country was bought to her knees, Unfortunately we found ourselves in the mist of the beginning of the Covid 19 Pandemic. I realize that to some it feels like you are stuck in a time capsule and there is no end in sight. Our houses of worship is empty, people have been asked to social distance which goes against our human nature. Our country and the world is in turmoil not only due to the pandemic but with social injustices that has caused protests all over the world. And with all of the above we are in the mist of the November election and once again we find ourselves having to fight just to VOTE. I'd like to encourage each of you to not be dismayed whatever be ties God Will Take Care of you. God is on our side now and always, if we stay in his will. We will get through this period of turmoil if we can just hold on to our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With that being said I want to encourage each of you to once again take a look at our theme for this year. In times like these we need a reason to get up in the morning and what better reason than a thorough examination of our theme. If we are to survive as a nation and individually now is a great time to become even more committed to Christian Stewardship. **"Envisioning Our Future Exceptionally Through our Commitment to Christian Stewardship."**

In examining the background scriptures found in: Jeremiah 29:11 and 1st Corinthians 4:1-2. We are reminded again that our hearts and minds must begin to look pass our present situation and /or conditions and see the future exceptionally as individuals and as members of this great convention not by our sight but through the eyes of our Lord and Savior. Jeremiah reminds us that the Lord said in the 11th verse. I know the plans I have for you, they are plans for the good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In order for us as a body of believers to achieve and receive the gifts God has planned for us, we must be committed to the work of the Kingdom, and yes, I believe that includes the ministry of this Convention.

Today, I commend you for the work you've done in the past 21 years and challenge each of you to pray first, then take a look into the future of your lives and yes, this Convention. Now what do you see? If you are like me, I see greater works being done in our homes and churches and the ABGCT due to a renewed commitment to Christian Stewardship. As our Lord said in Jeremiah 29:11, If you look for me, you will find me. I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. Now is a great time to seek our Lord he's waiting for us to return to Him. This is a wake up call, the question is are you ready to turn from the things of our past and turn to the only hope for the world today. It is my desire to do work side by side with my fellow constituents in ABGCT as we achieve the things God has in store for this convention.

Blessings,  
Garry L. Roberts,  
General Secretary

## Convention Officers

<b>*PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Reverend Kerry W. Tillmon</b>
*Vice President at Large	Reverend C. R. Williams, Sr.
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### \* Executive Board Members

Chairman.....	Reverend B. J. Mason
Vice Chairman.....	Reverend H. R. Lovelady
*Rev. A. L. Curry, Sr. (Emeritus)	
*All Association Moderators	

### Foreign Mission Board

Chairman.....	Reverend F. L. Fillmore
*Secretary - Treasurer.....	Reverend Marc D. James

### Educational Board

Chairman.....	Reverend S. Mark Haywood
*Secretary - Treasurer.....	Reverend Lee Nelson Jones

### Home Mission Board

Chairman.....	Reverend Gus Hunter, Sr.
*Secretary - Treasurer.....	Reverend J. P. Hubbard, Sr.

### Benevolent Board

Chairman.....	Reverend Danny Baker
*Secretary - Treasurer.....	Reverend T. B. Parker, Sr.

### Evangelical Board

Chairman.....	Reverend Gerald M. Shanks
*Secretary - Treasurer.....	Reverend Carl Grice, Sr.

## Community Night

7:30 p.m.

**Called to order** Vice President L. K. Williams  
**Devotion** Devotional Committee

**Rev. C. L. Yancy**

**New Vision Baptist Church, Dickinson**

**Wednesday October 21, 2020**

2:30 p.m.

**Called to order** Vice President Jones

**Devotion** Devotional Committee

### Ushers' Auxiliary Session

Bible Lesson Deacon Joseph Moore  
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Brazoria

Theme Sister Henrietta Nelson  
God's Household of Faith, League City

Introduction of Usher President  
Deacon Joseph Moore

### President's Annual Address

**Deacon Nathan Kennie**

**West Point Baptist Church, Galveston**

Solo (Precious Lord) Sister Gwen Williams  
West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

### Nurses Auxiliary Session

Bible Lesson Sister Gloria Freeman  
West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

Theme Sister Adryan Billups  
Together We Stand Christian Church - Missouri City

### President's Annual Address

**Sister Linda Tillmon**

**West Point Baptist Church, Galveston**

Solo Sister Delores Florence  
First Union Baptist Church, Galveston

Theme Sister Ruby Hill  
West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

**President's Annual Message**  
**Sister Doll Sheppard**  
**Jerusalem Baptist Church, Galveston**

Solo Sister Shirley Sanders  
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Galveston

**WIA Auxiliary Session**  
Bible Lesson Sister Gwen Leonard  
Second Corinth Baptist Church, Houston

Theme Sister Joette Boyer  
West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

Words of Encouragement  
Pastor M. W. Dwyer  
Greater Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Galveston

Solo Sister Tammi Helm  
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rosharon

**Junior Women's Auxiliary Session**

Bible Lesson Pastor Larry Blackmon  
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Booth

Theme Sister Shannon Clark  
West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

**President's Annual Message**  
**Sister Erin Jackson**  
**St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Brookshire**

Solo Sister Sandra Lewis  
Saint Paul Baptist Church, Brookshire

## Enrollment Information

### Enrollments:

Association	\$300.00
Church	250.00
Pastor	50.00
Delegate	25.00
Home Mission Board	50.00
Foreign Mission Board	50.00
Educational Board	50.00
Evangelical Board	50.00
Benevolent Board	50.00

### Association & Church Auxiliary Enrollment:

Brotherhood	50.00
Men of Christian Action	50.00
Senior Women Auxiliary	50.00
Women Intermediate Auxiliary	50.00
Junior Women Auxiliary	50.00
Mothers' Union	50.00
Music Department	50.00
Ushers	50.00
Nurses	50.00
Ministers' Wives	50.00

### Missions Night:

Association	300.00
Church	250.00
Executive Board Member	200.00
Pastor	150.00
Each Convention Auxiliary	100.00
Individual	50.00

**Note:** The Executive Board reserves the right to reallocate funds as it is deemed appropriate.

## **22nd Annual Session**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**Tuesday Morning**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Called to order President Tillmon**

**Devotion Devotional Committee**

### **Brotherhood Session**

Bible Lesson Brother John Thomas  
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Galveston

Theme Deacon Lee Phillips  
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, San Antonio

### **President's Annual Address**

**Minister Kevin Tillmon**

**West Point Baptist Church, Galveston**

Solo Rev. James Gaines  
West Point Baptist Church, Galveston

### **MOCA Session**

Bible Lesson Rev. Brodrick T. Hill  
Rising Star Baptist Church, Grapeland

Theme Rev. DeAndre Beyonce  
Macedonia Baptist Church, Galveston

### **President's Annual Address**

**Rev. Errol S. Jones, Jr.**

**Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Victoria**

Solo Deacon Harold Mason  
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Galveston

## **Senior Women's Auxiliary Session**

Bible Lesson Sister Wanda Lartigue  
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Galveston

Theme Speaker Sister Rose Jones  
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Brookshire

Introduction of Auxiliary President

Sister Johnnie Shelby

### **President's Annual Address**

**Sis. Lorraine Mills**

**Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, San Antonio**

Solo Sister Bernalda Hagan  
Green Meadow Baptist Church, Houston

### **Parent Body Session**

Bible Lesson Rev. H. R. Lovelady  
Clegg Chapel Baptist Church, Trinity

Theme Rev. C. R. Williams, Sr.  
Gospel Way Baptist Church, Houston

Executive Session

Introductory Sermon Rev. Lee Jones, Jr.  
St. Paul MBC, Brookshire

Alternate Rev. Nelson LaFleur  
Fellowship MBC, Houston

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### **Afternoon Session**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Called to order Vice President LaFleur**

**Devotion Devotional Committee**

### **Mother's Union Session**

Bible Lesson Sister Linda Ferguson  
St. Luke Baptist Church, Galveston