

# *Program*

## **Northern Virginia Baptist Association, Inc.**

**Rev. James McCray, Jr.**  
**Moderator**

**Deaconess Karin Henderson**  
**Executive Administrator**



### **The One Hundred and Forty-Ninth Annual Session**

**One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Session: Women's Ministry**

**Seventy-Ninth Annual Session: Young People's Ministry**

**Sixty-Fourth Annual Session: Men's Ministry**

***August 17, 2026 — August 20, 2026***

#### **Theme:**

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*(1 Corinthians 3:9-10 KJV)*

**First Vice-Moderator: Rev. Dr. Janice Jenkins ~ Second Vice-Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Sheppard**  
**Third Vice-Moderator: Rev. Dr. Michael Sessoms**

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(Not Pictured)

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Administrative Assistant-2

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Badges and Credentials, Chair

PARENT BODY  
Monday, August 17, 2026  
~OPENING SESSION~

REV. JAMES MCCRAY, JR., MODERATOR, PRESIDING  
Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church, Greenville, Nokesville, VA (Region 5)

9:00 AM ..... "Praise and Worship" ..... NVBA Commission on Music and Worship Arts  
Sis. Joyce Williams, Chair  
Chantilly Baptist Church, Chantilly, VA  
Rev. Terri Reeves, Co-Chair  
Associate Minister, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Centreville, VA

9:15 AM.....Call to Order of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

Theme Song ..... "We Are Soldiers" ..... Congregation

Litany..... (page 11) ..... Rev. Bryan Paige  
Pastor, Victory Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA  
NVBA Commission on Technology and Media Chair

Moderator's Greetings and Welcome..... Moderator James McCray, Jr.

Introduction of Presenter..... Moderator James McCray, Jr.

Presentation..... "Missions" ..... Rev. Gerald Robinson  
Founder, Know the Truth International Ministries, Inc.  
Sis. Japera Rahming  
Executive Director, Know the Truth International Ministries, Inc.

Giving and Prayer ..... Rev. Dr. Charles A. Lundy  
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA (Region 3)

Introduction of Preacher ..... Rev. Dr. Emma J. Valentine  
Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Vienna, VA  
Former NVBA Dean, Commission on Christian Education Chair

Sermonic Selection..... Sis. Joyce Williams

THE WORD..... Rev. Dr. Patricia Gould-Champ  
Founding Visionary of Faith Community Baptist Church, Richmond, VA  
Professor, Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA

Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Rev. Dr. Patricia Gould-Champ

Prayer and Grace\*

12:00 Noon

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works."

~AFTERNOON SESSION~

- 1:00 PM ..... "Praise and Worship" ..... NVBA Commission on Music and Worship Arts
- 1:15 Presentation ..... "Preserving NVBA History and its Proud Legacy" ..... Rev. Nelson Sneed  
Pastor, Little Forest Baptist Church, Stafford, VA (Region 3)  
Former Moderator (2022-2025)  
Ms. Marion Ransell Dobbins  
Public Historian, George Mason University, Center for Mason Legacies
- 1:45 PM ..... Presentation of Reports and Appointment of Standing Committees
- Nominating Committee..... Sis. Cassandra Baltimore  
International Community Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA  
NVBA Nominating Committee Chair
- Commission on Budget and Finance ..... Deacon Kavin Owens  
Christian Way Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA  
NVBA Financial Secretary
- Appointment of Standing Committees..... Deaconess Karin Henderson  
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA  
NVBA Executive Administrator
- Committee on the Moderator's Address
- Committee on Miscellaneous Business
- Committee on Resolution  
Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore, Chair
- Closing Prayer & Benediction..... Moderator James McCray, Jr.

Please continue to support your NVBA. Thank you!

Tuesday, August 18, 2026  
~MORNING SESSION~

Rev. Dr. Paul Sheppard, SECOND VICE-MODERATOR, PRESIDING  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Merrifield, Falls Church, VA (Region 2)

9:00 AM ..... "Praise and Worship" ..... NVBA Commission on Music and Worship Arts  
9:15 AM ..... "Call Session to Order" ..... Second Vice-Moderator Paul Sheppard  
Theme Song ..... "We Are Soldiers" ..... Congregation  
Litany..... (page 11)..... Second Vice-Moderator Paul Sheppard  
Moderator's Greetings and Welcome ..... Second Vice-Moderator Paul Sheppard  
Presentations..... Men's Ministry  
Deacon Albert K. Stewart, President  
Young People's Ministry  
Rev. Shomari Hargrove, Director  
Northern Virginia Baptist Center Appeal  
Rev. Jesse Jones, Chairman, Baptist Center Board  
Giving and Prayer ..... Northern Virginia Baptist Center  
Introduction of Preacher ..... Second Vice-Moderator Paul Sheppard  
Sermonic Selection ..... Sis. Barbara Clark  
THE WORD ..... "Senior Statesman"..... Rev. Dr. Alfred Jones, Jr.  
Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Triangle, VA (Region 3)  
NVBA Former Vice-Moderator  
Prayer and Grace  
12:00 Noon..... Recess for Lunch

"Faith is believing BEFORE what will only make sense AFTER."

*~AFTERNOON SESSION~*

1:00 PM..... "Praise and Worship" .....NVBA Commission on Music and Worship Arts

1:15 PM.....PRESENTATIONS

- "Challenging Racism"—Ms. Monique Bryant  
Executive Director of Challenging Racism
- "Organizing for the Vote"—Dr. Joseph P. Boutte  
President, Northern Virginia ASALH Branch  
—Mr. Harvey L. Woodson  
Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization  
for Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter, Omega Psi Phi  
Fraternity, Inc.

2:00 PM.....111<sup>th</sup> Annual Session: Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Presentation  
(Program under separate cover)

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Wednesday, August 19, 2026  
~MORNING SESSION~

REV. DR. JANICE JENKINS, FIRST VICE-MODERATOR, PRESIDING  
Free Union Baptist Church, Culpeper, VA (Region 7)

9:00 AM ..... "Praise and Worship" ..... Bro. Trevon Cook  
Music Ministry Coordinator, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA

9:15 AM ..... "Call Session to Order" ..... First Vice-Moderator Janice Jenkins

Theme Song ..... "We Are Soldiers" ..... Congregation

Litany ..... (page 11) ..... Rev. Christine Brown  
Associate Minister, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA

Moderator's Greetings and Welcome ..... First Vice-Moderator Janice Jenkins

Commissions 2026-2027 Forecasting ..... Commission on Civic and Social Actions  
Commission on Health and Wellness  
Commission on Home and Global Missions  
Commission on Music and Worship Arts  
Commission on Technology and Media

10:30 AM ..... Educational Hour: Commission on Christian Education

Progress Report ..... Rev. Jacquelyn Lundy  
First Lady, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA  
NVBA Commission on Christian Education, Chair, Dean

Presentation ..... Dr. Barbara Smith-Price  
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Calverton VA  
NVBA Commission on Christian Education, Parliamentarian

Giving and Prayer ..... First Vice-Moderator Janice Jenkins

Introduction of Preacher ..... Rev. Roy D. Thomas  
Director, GE Ministries

Sermonic Selection ..... Bro. Trevon Cook

THE WORD ..... Bishop Regretta E Ruffin  
Pastor, Greater New Saint Paul Baptist Church, Washington, DC (Region 1)

Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Bishop Regretta E. Ruffin

Prayer and Grace

12:00 Noon ..... Recess for Lunch

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

~AFTERNOON SESSION~

1:00 PM .....“Praise and Worship” .....NVBA Commission on Music and Worship Arts

1:15 PM.....BUSINESS SESSION (only Parent Body delegates may vote)

[NOTE: The Business Session will be recorded for the sole purpose of ensuring the best possible minutes are taken.]

- Roll Call to receive Written Reports

During the Annual Session

Administrative Team

Committee on Credentials and Badges (preliminary report)

Statistician (preliminary report)

Committee on Finance (preliminary report)

Provide at least 2 weeks after the Annual Session (reports emailed to

the Executive Administrator) [if there are any findings, they will be submitted to the Executive Board for review/action and sent to the Annual Session delegates]

Committee on the Moderator’s Address

Committee on Miscellaneous Business

Committee on Resolutions

- Budget FY 2026–2027
- Election of Officers FY 2026–2027
- Messenger Designations
- Installation of Officers ..... Rev. Nelson Sneed

Closing of BUSINESS SESSION.....Moderator James McCray, Jr.

Introduction of Preacher.....Sis. Sara James  
First Lady, Mount Salvation Baptist Church, Arlington, VA (Region 2)

Sermonic Selection .....NVBA Commission on Music and Worship Arts

THE WORD ..... Rev. Aaron James  
Pastor, Mount Salvation Baptist Church, Arlington, VA (Region 2)

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Rev. Aaron James

Closing Prayer & Benediction ..... First Vice-Moderator Janice Jenkins

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Thursday, August 20, 2026  
~MORNING SESSION~

REV. DR. MICHAEL SESSOMS, THIRD VICE-MODERATOR, PRESIDING  
Pastor, Little Union Baptist Church, Dumfries, VA (Region 3)

9:00 AM ..... "Praise and Worship" ..... NVBA Volunteer Choir  
Sis. Joyce Williams  
Music Director  
Bro. Greg Davis  
Ministry of Music, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Sterling, VA

9:15 AM ..... "Call Session to Order" ..... Third Vice-Moderator Michael Sessoms

#### MODERATOR'S HOUR

Opening Selection..... NVBA Volunteer Choir  
Litany ..... (page 11)..... Rev. Dr. Wendell Mickens  
Youth Minister, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Triangle, VA  
Moderator's Greetings and Welcome ..... Third Vice-Moderator Michael Sessoms  
Moderator's Giving ..... Rev. Dr. Augustus Henderson  
Pastor, Christian Way Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA (Region 2)  
Former Moderator (2018-2022)

Greetings ... (3 Minutes) ... Baptist General Convention of VA  
Ministers Wives and Widows of Northern VA  
The John C. Leland Center for Theological Studies (Seminary)  
Potomac River Baptist Association  
Wayland Blue Ridge Baptist Association  
Racial Unity  
NAACP (Prince William County Branch)  
NAACP (Loudoun County Branch)

Musical Selection..... NVBA Volunteer Choir  
Presentations ..... NVBA 2026 Honorees  
Recognitions ..... Retired and Newly Elected Pastors, Ordained Ministers

"Great moves of God are usually preceded by simple acts of obedience."

Presentation of the Moderator ..... Sis. Tonya McCray  
First Lady, Little Zion Baptist Church, Greenville, Nokesville, VA  
Sermonic Selection .....Sis. Tonya McCray  
Moderator’s Address..... Moderator James McCray, Jr.  
Acceptance of Moderator’s Address..... First Vice-Moderator Janice Jenkins  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Second Vice-Moderator Paul Sheppard  
Holy Communion .....led by..... Rev. Robert M. Yancey, Sr.  
Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA (Region 3)  
NVBA Region 2 President  
Moderator’s Closing Remarks..... Moderator James McCray, Jr.

Call for Adjournment of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

Closing Session Prayer & Benediction

Thank you and God Bless!

## LITANY OF LABOUR

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*(1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 32; Acts 20:35a; Nehemiah 4:6b; 1 Corinthians 15:58)*

**Leader:** For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

**People: We are labourers together with God!**

**Leader:** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.

**People: We are labourers together with God!**

**Leader:** But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

**People: We are labourers together with God!**

**Leader:** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**People: We are labourers together with God!**

**Leader:** In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work; for the people had a mind to work.

**All: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**



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