

South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education Curriculum 2026

Dr. Lucious Dixon, President
Reverend Mitchell Adger, Dean

DIVISION OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (100)

Rev. Dr. Yancy C. Martin, Coordinator

100	“Exploring the Bible's Narrative Tapestry”	Rev. Dr. Clinton Brantley	AM
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Course Description: "Exploring the Bible's Narrative Tapestry" is an engaging and comprehensive introduction to the Bible, designed to provide you with a deep understanding of its diverse literature, origins, and transformative impact. Together, we will embark on an intellectual and spiritual exploration of the sixty-six (66) books that comprise the Bible, unraveling its intricate narratives, and examining the crucial events, periods, and influential figures that shaped the Bible into the remarkable work it is today.

Book: Training for Service

101/1007	“Unveiling the Treasures of the Old Testament”	Rev. Dr. Antonio Boyce	AM
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Course Description: "Unveiling the Treasures of the Old Testament" offers a captivating and in-depth survey of the rich tapestry of the Old Testament scriptures. With a focus on the divisions, times, places, the Nation of Israel, significant events, influential figures, and illuminating archaeological discoveries, this course provides a holistic understanding of the Old Testament's historical, cultural, and religious significance.

Book: Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament and Minor Prophets

102	“Exploring the Marvels of the New Testament”	Dr. Cecil Bromell	AM
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Course Description: "Exploring the Marvels of the New Testament" offers a captivating and comprehensive survey of the New Testament scriptures. Through an exploration of its divisions, periods, geographical locations, pivotal events, remarkable individuals, and illuminating archaeological findings, this course provides a deep understanding of the New Testament's historical, cultural, and spiritual significance.

Book: Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament

Course:103/1004	“Mastering Effective Bible Reading”	Deacon John Lowe	AM
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Course Description: “Mastering Effective Bible Reading” is a transformative course that aims to elevate your Bible reading experience to new heights. Through a comprehensive exploration of methods, approaches, and resources for Bible study, this course empowers you to unlock the profound wisdom, insights, and spiritual nourishment embedded within the sacred text.

DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (200)

Rev. Kippie Brown, Coordinator

200/ 6021	"Cultivating Spiritual Growth"	Dr. Joseph McFarlan	AM
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Course Description: Embark on a transformative journey of spiritual formation. This course delves into the practices and principles that nurture personal growth, guiding you toward a deeper connection with your faith and a more profound understanding of your spiritual journey.

Book: Teacher Supplied Materials

201/2007	"Christian Stewardship: Faithful Resource Management"	Dr. Della Baker Sprowl	AM In-person and virtual 8:30am-10:30am
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Course Description: Explore the profound concept of Christian stewardship, understanding the responsible management of resources, including time, talent, and finances. This course equips you with the principles and practices of stewardship, guiding you to align your life with these foundational Christian values for a purposeful and meaningful journey of faith.

Book: Teacher Supplied Materials

202	"Unveiling Your Spiritual Potential"	Rev. Onetha Chamber	AM
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Course Description: Unearth your unique spiritual gifts and talents in this course. Gain insight into how these gifts can be harnessed for personal growth and to benefit the broader Christian community, enabling you to take your place in the body of Christ with clarity and purpose.

Book: Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow or 19 Gifts of the Spirit

203	"Effective Evangelism Strategies"	Rev. Damian Young	AM
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Course Description: Explore a diverse array of evangelism methods, from traditional approaches to leveraging the power of digital platforms. Learn how to overcome challenges in

reaching urban, rural, and culturally diverse communities, enabling you to effectively share the Christian faith with impact and relevance.

204/ 6013:	"Strategic Church Education Planning"	Rev. Carolyn V. Brantley	AM
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Course Description: Students will examine the principles and strategies required to organize and optimize your church for effective Christian education. This course equips you with the tools to develop a well-structured and impactful educational program that nurtures spiritual growth and understanding within your congregation.

205	"Guiding Youth in Christian Faith Formation"	Rev. Richard Williams	AM In-person Virtual 8:30am-10:30am
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Course Description: This course is designed to equip church leaders, church school teachers, mentors, and parents with effective strategies for nurturing Christian beliefs and values in young people. Explore approaches to engage and inspire the youth in their faith journey, helping them build a strong foundation of Christian beliefs that will guide them through life's challenges and choices.

Book: Flash Theology

206/2023	"Innovative Teaching Methods"	Rev. Dr. Calvin Robinson Virtual 2:30pm-4:30pm	PM In- Person and Virtual 2:30pm-4:30pm
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Course Description: Explore dynamic and creative techniques for teaching that engage, inspire, and empower both teacher and student. This course deep dives into Christian beliefs, and approaches, incorporating the latest technology to enhance the learning experience and promote a deeper understanding of the principles of Christianity.

Book: Teaching Like Jesus

207	"Inclusive Teaching Strategies for Diverse Learners"	Rev. Dr. Ethel Lemon	AM
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Course Description: This course provides educators with a comprehensive toolkit for teaching children with special needs. Explore inclusive teaching practices, individualized learning strategies, and effective classroom management techniques that promote the basic Christian beliefs of all students, regardless of their unique needs and abilities.

Book: Teacher Supplied Materials

DIVISION OF HISTORY AND DOCTRINE (300)

Sister Charlene Lowe, Coordinator

Course 300:	"Exploring the Nature of God"	Rev. James Davis III	PM
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Course Description: Explore the profound study of the Doctrine of God. This course provides a comprehensive examination of theological perspectives on the nature, attributes, and significance of God in various religious traditions, fostering a deeper understanding of the divine and its implications for faith and spirituality.

Book: Flash Theology

301/ 2012:	"Understanding Articles of Faith"	Rev. Dr. John T. McCoy	PM
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Course Description: This course offers an in-depth exploration of the Articles of Faith, examining their historical, theological, and practical significance within various religious traditions. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of how these articles shape belief systems and provide a foundation for faith, fostering a more profound appreciation for the doctrinal tenets that guide religious communities. **Book: The Covenant We Practice**

302	"Worshipping God Wholeheartedly"	Minister Jacqueline Russell	PM
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Course Description: This course is a journey into the depths of worship, teaching you how to approach God with utmost reverence and devotion, offering Him the praise and adoration He deserves. You will explore diverse worship practices and discover how to elevate your worship experience, recognizing the infinite worth of the divine in your spiritual journey.

303	"Foundations of Discipleship"	Rev. Jeffrey L. Williams	PM In-person and virtual 2:30pm-4:30pm
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Course Description: This introductory course provides a solid foundation for understanding the principles and practices of Christian discipleship. It explores the essential elements of following Christ, empowering participants to embark on a meaningful journey of faith and service as disciples of Jesus.

Book: The Cost of Discipleship

Course 304:	"Exploring Baptist Doctrine"	Rev. George P. Windley	AM
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Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive examination of Baptist doctrine, exploring the theological, historical, and practical aspects that define the Baptist faith tradition. Students will gain a deeper understanding of Baptist beliefs, practices, and their significance within the broader Christian context, fostering a more informed and enriched faith journey.

Book: Believing as Baptist

305	Theology and History of Christian	Rev. Dr. Caroles S. Taylor	AM
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Course Description: The history of Christian theology is the study of how the Christian church has interpreted the Bible and the teachings of Jesus Christ. It also includes the development of Christian beliefs and practices over time. As a result of attending this class, students will receive information on why Christian believe in God as the only supreme God. The divine Godhead (Trinity), the path God chose to save mankind (the prophecy and birth of Jesus Christ), the significance of Jesus death and resurrection, and how Christianity spread from the grassroots level to worldwide, despite persecution in the Roman Empire.

Book:

306	How to Call a Pastor to a Baptist Church	Rev. Dr. B. L. Battle	AM
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Course Description: In this course we will explore the theological, practical, and communal aspects involved in the process of calling a pastor to a Baptist church. Participants will engage with biblical principles, historical practices, and contemporary challenges associated with pastoral transitions. The course is designed for church leaders, search committees, and congregants who seek to understand the spiritual and practical dynamics of identifying and welcoming new pastoral leaders.

DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (400)

Rev. Willie Choice, Coordinator

400	"Effective Church Leadership Supervision"	Rev. Dr. William T. Johnson	PM
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Course Description: This course explores various methods and principles of supervision within church leadership roles. Participants will gain practical insights into supervisory techniques, leadership development, and team management in a religious context, enhancing their ability to guide and support individuals and teams effectively in a church environment.
Book: Teacher Supplied Materials

401	"Effective Church School Administration"	Sis. Alonia J. Hilton	PM
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Course Description: This course provides essential knowledge and skills for organizing and administering church school or Sunday school programs. Participants will learn practical techniques for effective leadership, curriculum management, teacher coordination, and overall administration, ensuring the smooth operation and growth of educational programs within the church community.

Book: How to Grow an Effective Sunday School

402	The Church's Ministry to Youth	Rev. Isaac Holt III	PM In-person and virtual 2:30pm- 4:30pm
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Course Description: This course is designed to help church leaders; youth directors and youth workers develop a viable youth ministry. Students will discover ways to assess the needs of youth, plan and implement programs for addressing their needs, and evaluate the effectiveness of the programs. Additionally, help teachers of children's church and other children's ministries in teaching children the basic practices of worship, including prayer, scripture, sermon, music, the Lord's Supper, and Baptism.

403	"Yes, No, & Maybe Living with the God of Immeasurably More (Women's Class)	Rev. Bridget Mitchell	PM
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Course Description: This course provides essential knowledge for women, that life can be full with family needs, home duties, work obligations, and church service. Does it feel like you're doing everything you should be doing, yet something's still missing? Does it feel like there should be more?

In *Yes, No, & Maybe*, the teacher will share with the group how women can find the God of "immeasurably more" at the intersection of the Bible and their obedience to it. Through reading this book, women will:

- Hear truths from God about what's missing in their lives, even if they are tough messages
- Learn how to trust God to reveal what's missing in their lives
- Develop the discipline to be close to God and hear His guidance

Book: Yes, No, & Maybe Living with the God of Immeasurably More

DIVISION OF MINISTRY AND FINE ARTS (500)

Sister Jannie Holt, Coordinator

500	"Enhancing Worship through Technology"	Sister Arbra Lewis	PM
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Course Description: Explore the integration of technology in worship planning with a focus on enhancing their digital footprint. This course equips participants with the skills and knowledge to organize, plan, and execute engaging worship experiences that effectively leverage technology for teaching and spiritual enrichment. Students will discover innovative tools, methods, and best practices to create a harmonious blend of tradition and technology in worship settings. **Students will need to have their own internet-accessible laptops, power cords and a secondary device.**

Book: Teacher Supplied Materials

501	"Public Speaking"	Dr. Gladys Grant	PM
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Course Description: This course is designed to help students identify the process and principles for writing speeches and delivering them in public. The coursework will cover techniques to relay basic verbal and nonverbal communication skills that will enable high school and adult students serving in various positions to effectively communicate with audiences of all sizes.

502	"Christian Education and the Arts"	Instructor: Sister Shirley Grace	PM
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Course Description: This course is designed to teach students how to utilize the arts (drama, puppetry, dance, mime, etc.) in Christian Education. Course will include discussion of dress, speech, painting, sculpture and other art forms used to influence Christian Education, worship, and church life.

503	Title: I Worship: M.U.S.I.C	Mr. Akheem Frazier	PM
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(Musicians Understanding Service in Christ)

Course Description: This course is for CHURCH MUSICIANS ONLY. Students in this course will teach musician decorum, the different musical styles and genres, and what is appropriate for worship. Students will also learn the importance of working together to form- One Sound.

Participating students may afford the opportunity to accompany one of the Congress choirs during the Annual Session. Practicum studies will be held during the afternoon session.

504	“Christian Crisis Intervention”	Rev. Michelle Holland	PM
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Course Description: This course will prepare students for a crisis situation. The instructor will review practical solutions to specific problems as well as discuss biblically based strategies that will equip Christians to face life’s emergencies.

505	“Beauty for Ashes: Navigating the Sacred Landscape of Grief	Instructor: Minister Janice Alford	PM 2:30- 4:30 In- person and Virtual
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Course Description: Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is a testament to deep love. As Christians, we often feel the pressure to "move on" or "stay joyful," yet the Bible is filled with the language of lament and a God who draws near to the brokenhearted. This four-day intensive offers a sacred sanctuary to explore the meaning of loss through a biblical lens. We will define multifaceted types of grief, search the Scriptures for comfort and permission to mourn, and ultimately use the medium of painting to externalize what words cannot express. Whether you are mourning a loved one, a lost season, or a broken dream, join us as we invite the Holy Spirit to transform our mourning into a masterpiece of hope. As we journey on a creative catharsis, providing a sanctuary for those navigating loss, offering the tools of acrylics, watercolors, and mixed media to navigate the “messiness” of mourning. Through the act of *Painting Through Grief*, we move from the stillness of sorrow to the movement of hope.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP (600)

(Ages 18-25)

Mrs. Charlene Lowe, Coordinator

600	“Faith and Relationships”	Rev. Jeremy J. Huggins, MDiv	AM
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Course Description: Discover how to navigate one of the most insidious traps that can derail your spiritual journey—offense. Based on the insights from "The Bait of Satan," this course delves into how offense can subtly lead believers away from the will of God. Through engaging discussions and practical exercises, you will learn to recognize and resist these deceptions, empowering you to maintain a strong, unshakeable relationship with God. Equip yourself with the tools to identify when offense is taking hold and develop strategies to overcome it. Don't fall prey to this common snare; learn to safeguard your spiritual path and deepen your faith.

Book: The Bait of Satan

601	“Christians Living in the Digital”	Mrs. Angela Jackson	AM
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Course Description: Christians living in the Digital Age: Address the unique challenges and opportunities young people face in the digital era, discussing topics such as social media, online identity, digital ethics, and using technology for spiritual growth and outreach.

602	“Faith and Social Justice”	Rev. Alonza Scipio	AM
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Course Description: Faith and Social Justice provides young people with a foundation to understand the intersection of faith and social justice, encouraging them to become agents of positive change in their communities. Through interactive discussions, case studies, real-world examples, and practical exercises. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of social justice issues and explore how their faith compels them to respond.

YOUTH DIVISION (700) (Ages 13-17)

Mrs. Gloria E. Gantt- Lambright and Ms. Carolyn A. Bartley, Coordinators

Ms. Amanda McDowell, Monitor

YOUTH DIVISION CORE COURSES ARE IN THE MORNINGS FROM 8:00-10:30 A.M.

YD 700	“Discipleship 101:Maturing in The Faith”	Reverend Ricky Simmons	AM
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Course Description: In this course, students will be introduced to key discipleship skills that can be applied to their own lives and be used to encourage younger Christians in mentoring others in the faith.

YD 701	“Beyond Sunday Morning”	Rev. Dr. Thelma Dixon	AM
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Course Description: Students will engage in dialogue and lessons to teach how to be effective disciples and followers of Jesus Christ. The course will motivate students to fully live out their convictions beyond the Sunday worship experience and engage in executing the Great Commission and participate in the overall mission of the church. Inspiration for enhancing worship will be shared from John 4:23-24.

YD 702	“Life ‘s Ambition (Ages 15-17) The Key to Success”	Instructor: Mrs. Lovie Simmons Howell and Ms. Denise Matthew	AM
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Course Description: This course is designed to guide high school students in making right choices and good decisions in their lives. Emphasis will be placed on choosing a career, applying for college and scholarships, completing job applications and preparing for interviews.

YOUTH DIVISION ACTIVITIES (700) (Ages 13-17)

Mrs. Gloria E. Gantt-Lambright and Ms. Carolyn A. Bartley, Coordinators Ms. Amanda McDowell, Monitor

YOUTH DIVISION ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE AFTERNOON FROM 2:00-4:30 P.M.

YD 703	“iWorship: My Worship is For Real” – Part I {Youth Choir}	Instructor: Evangelist Anya Dixon and Mr. Stephen Polite	PM
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Activity Description: In this activity the student will begin their Practicum studies based on what they learned in the morning class. The Congress Children’s Choir will learn music that will be rendered during the Annual Session, including the Youth Extravaganza.

YD 704	“Using Drama for Ministry”	Instructor: Mrs. Deborah Hughes	PM
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Activity Description: Students in this course **MUST** participate in the Youth Drama for the Youth Extravaganza. This activity is designed to study how drama can be used as a tool for ministry and is **ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA!** Emphasis will be given to the background, theory, and Bible in story concept.

YD 705	“The Ministry of Praise Dancing”	Ms. Allyson Boone, Ms. Alexis J. Adams and Ms. McKayla Gilliard	PM
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Activity Description: This class is designed to study how praise dancing can be used as a tool for ministry and worship. Emphasis will be given to the background, theory, and significance of the dance in worship and adoration of God. Students will demonstrate the art of praise dancing on Thursday night.

YD 706	“The Mime Ministry”	Mr. Derrie Grant, Jr.	PM
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Course Description: This course is designed to teach youth how to use the art of mime in conveying Biblical Truths. Students will explore ways to worship God more effectively through dramatic expression.

YD 707	“Youth Institute”	Rev. Tremayne V. Blocker	PM
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Activity Description: The Youth Institute is designed for youth (13-18). The institute is more interactive with activities that include music, Christian videos, and lecturers with open discussions, topical Bible study and much more. Youth are encouraged to display talents, and personal testimonies. Examination of Psalm 95:5-7 will help students in their appreciation and understanding of worship.

CHILDREN’S DIVISION (800) (Ages 6-12)

Dr. Incentlee Lemon and Mrs. Tiffany Lemons, Coordinators

CHILDREN’S DIVISION CORE COURSES ARE IN THE MORNINGS FROM

8:00-10:30 A.M.

CD 800	“Teaching Children About The Holy Spirit”	Ms. Stacie Grant	AM
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Course Description: This course is designed to explore children’s consciousness of the Holy Spirit and spirituality. The study will reveal how to recognize the Spirit’s presence in our lives, and how the Spirit shapes the lives of believers through various life experiences.

CD 801	“Bible Fun Stuff”	Ms. Deidre Odom and Mrs Jackie Canty	AM
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Course Description: In this highly energized class, the children will experience movement, laughter, and learning with meaningful Bible focused play. The lessons are presented in a game-like format that promotes motor skills, matching, sorting, discipleship making and much, much more. Kids will begin learning Bible stories while they interact. LET THE LEARNING BEGIN!

CD 802	“Faith Seekers”	Rev. Dr. Brandon Sweeper	AM
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Course Description: Living the Baptist Faith Series Two (Baptists and the Christian Faith) for older children is a Bible study series designed specifically for this age group. The series has been designed to help students better understand the Baptist family as it relates to their Christian Faith.

The students will gain an understanding of what it means to be a Christian and a member of the Baptist church. They will discover how the Christian faith began, the founder, the reason for faith, the authority of faith, and the importance of sharing faith. At the completion of the series, the students will learn that the Word of the living God changes lives daily and leads persons to accept Jesus Christ as Savior. In addition, students will engage in fun and challenging activities that reinforce their faith. Learning about who we are as a Baptist Family and growing in the Christian faith will be a continuous life-long journey.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION ACTIVITIES (800) (Ages 6-12)

Dr. Incentlee Lemon and Mrs. Tiffany Lemons, Coordinators

CHILDREN'S DIVISIONS ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE AFTERNOONS FROM 2:00-4:30 P.M

CD 803	"Using Drama in Ministry with Children"	Mrs. Deborah W. Hughes	PM
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Activity Description: This class is designed to study how drama can be used as a tool for ministry. Emphasis will be given to the background, theory, and Bible in story concept.

CD 804	"The Ministry of Praise Dancing With Children"	Mr. Hakeem Drayton & Ms. Danielle Span	PM
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Activity Description: This class is designed to study how praise dancing can be used as a tool for ministry and worship. Emphasis will be given to the background, theory, and significance of the dance in worship and adoration of God. Students will demonstrate the art of praise dancing on Thursday night.

CD 805	"Children's Institute"	Rev. Timothy Grant & Mrs. Maxine P. Pearson	PM
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Activity Description: The Children's Institute is designed for children ages (6-12). The workshops are more interactive with activities that include music, skits, puppetry, mime, Christian videos and much more. Children are encouraged to display talents such as writing, art, and others. Supplies are provided in the Children's Institute.

CD 806	"iWorship: Turn Down for What" Part II	Rev. Anya Dixon & Mr. Stephen Polite	PM
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Activity Description: This course is a continuation of Course CD 801. In this course the student will begin their Practicum studies based on what they have learned in the morning class. The Congress Children's Choir will learn music that will be rendered during the Annual Session, including the Youth Extravaganza.

THE MINISTERS' DIVISION (900)

Reverend Sonny Bridges and Reverend Donnie Chambers, Directors
Reverend Sarah Roberson, Coordinator

900	“Church Growth from the Inside Out”	Rev. Dr. Isaac J. Holt, Jr.	AM
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Course Description: Students will learn to evaluate the current state of their church, identifying areas of strength and areas that need attention. Participants will learn how to apply practical strategies for church growth, including small group discipleship, evangelism, and community outreach.

901	“Cultivating Spiritual Growth: Preaching and Teaching the Way They Learn	Rev. Dr. Lesia Patterson	AM
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Course Description: Effective biblical teaching and preaching seek not only to communicate information but also to transform lives through a deeper understanding of God's Word. This course will explore how an awareness of learning styles can enhance the teaching and preaching ministry of preachers, teachers, and ministry leaders. Drawing on the widely recognized VARK learning model - Visual, Auditory, Reading/Writing, and Kinesthetic - participants will examine how individuals receive, process, and retain biblical truth. While many learners demonstrate preferences within these categories, others learn through a combination of styles, requiring communicators of God's Word to employ diverse instructional and preaching methods. Attendees will be challenged to move beyond teaching and preaching solely through an auditory learning style and instead intentionally engage the varied learning preferences within the congregation, creating a richer landscape for biblical understanding and spiritual growth. The contents of this course are based on research and the study of God's Word.

The target audience includes preachers, Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, seminary students, Christian educators, and anyone committed to cultivating spiritual growth through the effective communication of God's Word.

Seminar for Certifying District Congresses for School of Methods

12:00 PM-2:30 PM-Wednesday Only

This seminar is for deans and instructors and will instruct district deans on the procedures for certifying their School of Methods, provide updated forms and how to complete them, and steps to dean's and instructor 's certification as prescribed by the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Deans and instructors should bring with them certificates and course cards for certification evaluation.