

The Ushers and Nurses Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention began the 134th Annual Session in New Orleans, LA by attending the Pleasant Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday morning August 31, 2014.

Each of our sessions began with powerful and uplifting devotionals. Sis. Lubertha Broomfield and the devotional team were always on time and very prayerful in getting our sessions off to a spiritual beginning.

On Monday – The Executive Board met to discuss plans for the week. We were informed that there was going to be problems with transportation for this week as the Ushers and Nurses have been placed in a hotel that is 10 blocks from the convention center. President McHenry is working through this situation. President McHenry asked that we remain prayerful and always ready to be available when needed. We work as a team always being mindful of one another. President also stated that we are going to focus more on our state presidents in that he wants them to be move visible throughout our session and especially during his annual address.

At 1:00 p.m. - Prayer and Praise with Bro. David Barnes, Vice President of the Western Region, presided over the first session. This session is designed to give instructions for the week. Head Marshall – Bro. Luke Daniels set in place where everyone needed to be and the times everyone needed to be in place. He encouraged all members to please attend the briefing at 4:00 for instructions for the week. The Supervisor of Nurses Sis. Juanita Edwards gave the outline for the nurses. There were 2 skill stations set up for the entire week and they were opened from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm. Each day. Dean Matthew Turner presented the class schedule for the week. There were 112 present for this session.

On Tuesday morning we were in session with the parent body – we had 175 Ushers, 30 Nurses and 15 Marshall on duty. On Tuesday afternoon Bro. David Barnes, Vice President of the Western Region presided. Assistant Dean Sis. Relda Owens-Matthews presented a special session on: “Solidarity With The Savior – Thru His Witness As We Face The Future”. – The session was dismissed for class. There were 150 in attendance. For the late night service there were 9 ushers on duty.

On Wednesday morning Sis. Brenda Eason – Vice President-at-Large, was the presiding officer. Inspirational music was provided by Rev. Hersey Hammonds and Sis. Velina Davenport both from the state of Oklahoma. President James McHenry gave us a dynamic message on, “No Strings” – taken from Romans 8:28. There were 528 in attendance. For the late night service there were 8 marshalls, 3 ushers and 3 nurses on duty.

Our annual “Minnie E. Anderson/Wesley McDowell Awards Banquet was a great “SOLD OUT” success. Speaker was Dean Matthew Turner. The Nurses Queen was Mary Darby from New Jersey.

The Ushers and Nurses reported to the convention center on Thursday at 8:00 am in preparation for the Dr. Scruggs Annual Address. We had: 300 Ushers, 58 Nurses and 20 Marshalls on duty.

Thursday’s afternoon session was dismissed in order that all members would be able to vote in the presidential election.

Friday – September 5, 2015 – After a spirit filled devotion and testimonial service – Dean Turner thanked everyone for attending the classes. He has gotten very good report concerning the classes and to let us know that “your work has not been in vain” and that a “Team” can get it done.

President Mchenry thanked everyone for a wonderful session. Our classes has doubled so keep up the good work and we will look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis, TN in 2015. For our close out session there were 134 in attendance. For Friday night Baptism: 20 Nurses, 100 Ushers and 15 Marshalls were on duty.

The classes offered were: The Teachings of Jesus, Instructor – Rev. Hersey Hammonds, (OK); Survey of Romans, Instructor – Rev. Carlos Wilson (MS); Articles of Faith, Instructor – Rev. Duane Sleet (NY); Christian Evangelism, Instructor – Rev. Joseph Tracy, Jr. (IL); The Ministry of the Church Usher, Instructor – Sis. Grace Summers; Ministry of the Church Nurse, Instructor – Sis. Martha Carter (CA); Public Speaking, Instructor – Sis. Roslyn Harvey (NJ); The Survey of John, Instructor – Rev. James B. Lewis (SC); Solidarity: Where Do We Place God In Our Lives, Instructor – Rev. Raymond L. Wandick (OK).

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