

**GOLDEN RULE DISTRICT  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.**

# **74th ANNUAL SESSION**

**“Equipping the saints for service of humanity” Ephesians 4:11**



**October 08, 2024 through October 10, 2024  
6:30 p.m. Nightly**

Convening at the  
Mercy Seat Baptist Church  
8715 Oman Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209  
Reverend G. L. Sanders, Pastor

Reverend Melvin D. Graves, Moderator  
Sister Diana Tiffany Harris, General Secretary  
Sister Lola J. Thrower, President of Women  
Deacon Reginald Campbell, President of Laymen

**Tuesday, October 08, 2024**  
**Annual Session Opening & Welcome Program**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Annual Session Called to Order	Moderator Melvin D. Graves
Presiding	Reverend Mike Hodge
Devotional Service	Golden Rule District Laymen

**Welcome Program**  
**Presented By**  
Mercy Seat MBC Youth Ministry  
Welcome – Brother Harrison Braddix  
Mercy Seat Youth Choir  
Mercy Seat Youth Praise Team

Welcome Response	Reverend Stanley Barnes
General Offering	GRD Finance Committee
Music	Samaritan Hill MBC Choir
<b>Message</b>	<b>Pastor Bobby J. Acklin</b> Samaritan Hill MBC
Music	Samaritan Hill MBC Choir
Call to Discipleship	Pulpit
Remarks & Dismissal	Pastor Bobby J. Acklin Moderator Melvin D. Graves

**Ushers in Charge**  
Mercy Seat, Samaritan Hill, St. John  
Attire: **Pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness**

**Wednesday, October 09, 2024**  
**Laymen & Women Night**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Presiding Officer Pastor Steven A. Brooks  
Vice Moderator Pastors & Ministers

**Processional**

President Lola Thrower  
President Reginald Campbell  
Presented by Deacon Kevin Wallace & Sister Tabitha Wallace

Devotional Service Golden Rule District Laymen

Introduction of Speaker Deacon Cleo Trotter  
Music Greater Pleasant Branch MBC Choir

**Annual Address Deacon Reginald Campbell**  
**President of Laymen**

Introduction of Speaker Mother Annie T. Whitmore  
Music Greater Pleasant Branch MBC Choir

**Annual Address Sister Lola J. Thrower**  
**President of Women**

Music Greater Pleasant Branch MBC Choir

Call to Discipleship Reverend Mike Hodge

Adoption of Addresses

Love Offerings for Presidents Pastor Steven A. Brooks

Remarks & Dismissal Moderator Melvin D. Graves

**Ushers in Charge**

Greater Pleasant Branch, Unity, Rocky Mountain  
Attire: **Red in support of Heart Health Awareness**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**Parent Body Night**

**6:30 p.m.**

Presiding Officer                      Pastor G. L. Sanders  
Vice Moderator At-Large Budget Director

Devotional Service                      Pulpit

GRD Scholarship Fund                      Rev. Spencer Braddix, Congress President

Introduction of Speaker                      Pastor Johnny Smith

Music    Mercy Seat MBC Choir

**Annual Address**  
**Pastor Melvin D. Graves,**  
**Moderator**

Music    Mercy Seat MBC Choir

Call to Discipleship                      Pulpit

Adoption of Address

**Love Offering for Moderator                      Pastor G. L. Sanders**

Presentations

Remarks &    Moderator Melvin D. Graves  
Session Adjournment

**Ushers in Charge**  
Grace & Truth, Shiloh, Pilgrim Progress  
Attire: **Purple in support of Prostate Awareness**

## **Official Roster**

Moderator	Pastor Melvin D. Graves
Vice Moderator At-Large Budget Director	Pastor G. L. Sanders
Vice Moderator Pastors & Ministers	Pastor Steven A. Brooks
General Secretary	Sister Diana Tiffany Harris
Recording Secretary	Sister Linda Dixon
Assistant Recording Secretary	Sister Jerri Braddix
Corresponding Secretary	Sister Jermanie Jones
Treasurer	Sister Carol Thornton
Financial Secretary	Sister Laquestia Dawkins
President of Women	Sister Lola J. Thrower
President of Laymen	Deacon Reginald Campbell
President of Congress	Reverend Spencer Braddix
Youth Director	Reverend Stanley Barnes

### **Golden Rule District Pastor's & Churches**

Grace & Truth MBC	Rev. Melvin D. Graves, Pastor
Greater Pleasant Branch MBC	Rev. Artee Williams, Pastor
Mercy Seat MBC	Rev. G. L. Sanders, Pastor
Pilgrim Progress MBC	Dr. Gerald Parker Sr., Pastor

Rocky Mountain MBC  
Saint John MBC  
Samaritan Hill MBC  
Shiloh MBC  
Unity MBC

Rev. Lee Andrew Coleman III, Pastor  
Rev. Earnest Merritt, Pastor  
Rev. Bobby J. Acklin, Pastor  
Rev. Johnny Smith, Pastor  
Elder Steven A. Brooks, Pastor

## **Announcements from Parent Body**

Attention Associate Ministers of the GRD Churches, please make sure you give your contact information to our General Secretary before the end of our Association.

A special offering to the Golden Rule District Scholarship Fund will be taken up on Thursday Night. You may give your offering to any member of the GRD Finance Committee if you are unable to attend on Thursday night. Thank you for your support.

You may make a donation to the following:

Breast Cancer Awareness Donations to:

Heart Health Awareness Donations to:

Prostate Cancer Awareness Donations to:

### **Yearly Financial Obligations for District Pastors, Churches and Officers**

**Churches - \$600 yearly assessment**

**Pastors - \$100 yearly assessment**

**Churches - \$300 yearly Congress Assessment**

**General Staff - \$25 yearly assessment**

**Associate Ministers - \$25 yearly assessment**



**The Golden Rule District Youth Convention  
Will Convene**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Place: Mercy Seat MBC**

**8715 Oman Road**

**Little Rock, AR 72209**

**Reverend Stanley Barnes, Youth Director**