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AND ALLIED BODIES**

**Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator**

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**THEME**

**"Reflecting The Light Of The Cross In The Community"**

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Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator  
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, Va



To all the members of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association, I greet you in the name that's above all others, that being Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, where we assemble to enhance one another in knowledge and experience fellowship with the communities we serve.

This year marks the end of my tenure as Moderator of the best Association in the world. I have been blessed beyond measure by an exceptional staff of executive officers, committees, churches, pastors and members, of which many would envy. The late Andre' Crouch said it best in song, "How Can I Say

Thanks?" for the things you have done to assist me in the monumental task of leading this great people.

To the Emmanuel Baptist Church Family, 'There is a special place in my heart for you.

You have assisted me during my tenure as Moderator in whatever way possible. Thank you for the time given, the financial expenditures freely submitted, and the use of the building for the glory of God. I also take the time to say "Thank You" to all the kitchen staff and servers for the sacrifice of your time in preparing the meals at all of our Planning Sessions on Saturday mornings whenever scheduled to occur.

To all of my brothers in the work of the Lord and to the houses they lead, I say 'Thank you for supporting the Association and the Bolden Bradby Scholarship Fund."

To Rev. Alexander Bracey and First Gravel Hill Baptist Church "Thank you for your sacrifice of love and time in hosting our annual session."

A special "Thank You" to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Moderator, Dr. Robert Elliott, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator, Dr. Bobby Taylor for all you have done.

I cannot depart without expressing my utmost gratitude to my Executive Secretary, Minister Sylvia W. Flood. "Thank you for your sacrifice of time and talents during my two terms as Moderator, I would not have made it without your assistance." To the LVBA, "Thank you for allowing me to labor in your vineyard."

In His Service,

*Eldridge Lucas III*

Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

# *CONSTITUTION*

**Constitution  
of  
The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association  
and  
Allied Bodies**

Adopted June 23, 2012  
(Revisions are in red)

We, the officers and members of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association, The South James River Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention and The Women's Missionary and Educational Circle, in order to form a more unified thrust in our Christian life decided to merge and become one organization in 1991. The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association had existed for one hundred and eight years, The South James River Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention had existed one hundred and three years and the Women's Missionary and Educational Circle has existed for seventy years.

Realizing that the Christian Front should be united in love and brotherhood to promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of God to ourselves, and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies.

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

This body shall be known as The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies.

**Article II  
Membership**

**Section I:**

This association shall be composed of Baptist Churches which are approved by the Association, Sunday School Unions, Ministries, Laymen and Life Members who are Baptists and remain Baptist and pay the required sums of monies as required by the Association.

- a) Churches, Sunday School Unions, Ministers and Laymen who are Baptist may become members by request and acceptance of the Association and by paying the required fees and paying the minimum sum of money for appropriations. Fees and appropriations may be changed from time to time by the Association while in session.
- b) ~~Ministers and Laymen may become members by paying a joining fee and an annual fee. These fees shall be determined by the Association.~~

*The language in this statement is deleted and replaced with the following revision (per unanimous vote by the Delegates and Pastors at the April 13, 2013 Session)*

Revision:

- (b) In order to serve as an officer of the Association, an individual must be a member in good standing of one of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies churches.
- c) Every church in the Association shall be entitled to representation in the Association; five (5) delegates and the Pastor shall be admitted from each Church for voting purposes.
- d) Each church shall send a list of no more than five (5) delegates (The list shall be signed by the pastor or the church's designated representative, in the absence of the pastor). Form is included in the Annual Journal forms section. Churches shall assign one person to pick up their church's journals.

## Section II

The Association shall have five (5) Divisions whose general duties will be to bring forth programs, seminars or workshops for both adults and youths. These programs, etc., will be presented or facilitated at the sessions of the association by the persons knowledgeable in the field or topic(s) being presented. Duties of each division shall also be as needed or requested by the Moderator.

### The Division of Clergy - Duties to be added

#### The Division of Christian Education

Duties: To support the LVBA in carrying out its objectives, to provide training which shall enhance Christian growth, to promote support to churches of the LVBA in their Christian Education development, and to perform any duties specified by the Moderator.

#### The Division of Missions

Duties: To provide leadership to the Missions' body, to keep members abreast of all activities of the Association pertaining to missions, beneficial in making the Missions' Division more effective, to attend meetings as necessary, to perform any other duties specified by the Moderator.

#### The Division of Laymen

Duties: To exalt the Savior, equip the saints, evangelize the sinner. The laity is the mighty army in every church, capable of reaching people in church, capable of reaching people in their own church and area for Christ. Lay people and pastors work together. The church is built up and the mighty work of God is accomplished.

#### Division of Youth

Duties: To promote friendship and collaboration with other youth ministries within LVBA, to provide educational experiences that will enhance the growth and development

- (a) The Moderator shall serve one term (two years) and may succeed himself one term (total of four years) if for any reason the offices of Moderator, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator, or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Moderator becomes vacant, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator, or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Moderator will move forward to the uppermost office. The Moderator or Executive Council will have the discretion of filling the vacant position for that particular term. This will not affect the term that is already in session.
- (b) Officers shall be elected biannually and shall remain in office until others are elected in their place.
- (c) The duties of the Officers shall be such as are common to such offices.
- (d) The treasurer shall be bonded for such amounts as the Association may deem necessary.
- (e) The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies "Committee Training Manual - Revised" shall guide the Committee in their duties. The duties of the Committees may be changed from time to time to meet the needs of the Association.
- (f) The Committees shall be: Budget and Finance, Condolence, Hospitality, New Bodies, Registration, Bolden Bradley Scholarship, Nominating, History, Music, Time and Place, Ministers' and Deacons' Relief.
- (g) The Moderator may appoint committees as needed to further the work of the Association.

#### Section II

There shall be an Executive Council. The Executive Council shall be composed of the Moderator, First Vice-Moderator, Second Vice-Moderator, Executive Secretary and the Presidents of the Five Divisions, a total of nine (9) members.

#### Article V Meetings

##### Section I

The Association shall meet the following dates:

- (a) The Annual Session shall be held on the week following the second Lord's Day in July, beginning on Tuesday and ending on Friday.
- (b) The Fall Session shall be held on the Saturday following the second Lord's Day in October.
- (c) The Winter Session shall be held on the Saturday following the first Lord's Day in January.

of our youth through program development, workshops, seminars, activities, and field trips that will lead to Christian maturity.

### **Section III**

All churches and/or organizations who wish to leave the Association to join another body are requested to notify the Association in writing.

### **Section IV**

The association and its Allied Bodies shall reserve the right to withdraw the Hand of Fellowship from Churches and Organizations who shall cherish principles contrary to the Gospel of Christ.

## **Article III Objectives**

### **Section I**

The Objectives of the Association and its Allied Bodies shall be:

- (a) To spread the Redeemer's Kingdom (Jesus Christ) upon the earth by doing all in their power to support the Chartered Foster Homes and Foreign Missions, and, Lott Cary Foreign Mission,
- (b) To support certain educational institutions and colleges; Virginia Union University, Virginia University of Lynchburg, and the United Negro College Fund,
- (c) To support the Children's Home of Virginia Baptist, Inc.,
- (d) To provide scholarships through the Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship Fund for worthy students from member churches. Satisfaction of the approved criteria shall determine the scholarship recipients,
- (e) To provide training which shall enhance the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
- (f) To provide a Relief Fund for Ministers and Deacons.

## **Article IV Officers**

### **Section I**

The Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, First Vice-Moderator, Second-Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Executive Secretary and five Division Presidents.



(d) The Spring Session shall be held on the Saturday following the first Lord's Day in April.

#### **Article VI**

Any entity of the Lebanon Baptist Association and Affiliated Bodies that requires a membership fee or amount change for membership shall have approval of the Moderator and Executive Council in order to become effective. (Example: Deacons and Ministers Relief Fee increase).

#### **Article VII**

##### **Dean**

The honor of "Dean" shall be bestowed upon a member. The title of Dean shall be appointed by the Moderator when it becomes vacant.

#### **Article VIII**

##### **Amendments**

The Constitution may be amended or additions added at a meeting of the Moderator's choosing prior to any session, provided that proper notice is given to each eligible member church. Notifications will be sent out at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

# *MODERATORS*



Left to Right

**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator**

Morning Star Baptist Church Spring Grove, VA

**Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator**

Emmanuel Baptist Church Smithfield, VA

**Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator**

Sandy Mount Baptist Church Smithfield, VA

## Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III – Moderator Emmanuel Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA



Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III is a resident of Prince George County, Virginia. He is the eldest son of the late Eldridge Lucas, Jr. and the late Doris P. Lucas of Waverly, Virginia. He is a member of the graduating class of 1969 of Central High School in Sussex, Virginia. Additionally, he is the recipient of a Bachelor of Theology Degree from the Trinity Bible College, a Master of Divinity Degree and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Virginia University of Lynchburg in Lynchburg, Virginia, also Dr. Lucas has a degree in Psychology from Ashworth University in Norcross, Georgia.

Dr. Lucas is a former member of the Board of Supervisors in Sussex County, serving for a period of six years, two of those years as

Vice- Chairman. He is also a former member of the Crater Disabilities Service Board of Southside Virginia.

Dr. Lucas is a member of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies, of which he currently the moderator. He is a former adjunct professor at the Suffolk Teaching site of the Virginia University of Lynchburg. In addition he is a member of the Interdenominational Minister's conference and the Minister's conference in Hampton.

Dr. Lucas has been the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Smithfield, Virginia since 1996. Dr. Lucas is married to Hester N. Lucas and has four children, and a loving son which he cherishes his memories. He is also the proud grandfather ("Pop Pop") of four.

Dr. Lucas likes to be known simply as a man of God trying to do his Master's will. His favorite motto is "Go in peace and let the Spirit of God be with you"

**Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Moderator**  
Morning Star Baptist Church, Spring Grove, VA



Rev. Dr. Robert Lincoln Elliott, Jr. is a native and currently resides in Claremont, located in Surry County, Virginia. Having four sisters, he is the only son born to Deaconess Dolly Elliott and the late Deacon Robert L. Elliott, Sr. After attending and graduating from Surry County Public Schools, he attended Norfolk State University before joining the United States Air Force. For four years while in the Air Force, he worked diligently with the Military Police Unit. That was where God taught him tolerance for all people in all circumstances.

Returning to civilian life, he joined the Prince George County Police Department where he remained for thirteen years, ending his service as a detective and the unofficial chaplain for the department. Pastor Elliott knew soon after God had a higher calling for him.

As a child of God and an anointed "leader of the flock", Pastor Elliott took the helm at Morning Star Baptist Church in 2001 - the church where he was baptized, where he was ordained as a deacon in 1988, where he was licensed as a minister in 1991, and where his family still actively attends. Being born into a musically gifted family, he truly believes that we should "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" and will often begin or end his sermons with a soulful musical offering.

Pastor Elliott's growth at Morning Star Baptist Church with the late Rev. Dr. E. L. Fleming as his pastor peaked when the Lord said, "Son, you are now ready" and God presented His choice for a messenger to the people in August 1991. Pastor Elliott grew under the functioning of the Holy Spirit and God sent him to the Union Baptist Church in Spring Grove, Virginia to lead His people. In February 1995, Pastor Elliott was ordained and served as the pastor of the Union Baptist Church for seven years.

Pastor Elliott continued his matriculation in the realms of Theology at the Richmond Virginia Seminary. In 1997, he received his Bachelor's degree from the Seminary. He has always believed in the power of prayer and possessed a strong desire to devote all of his time to doing the work of the Lord. He prayed and asked God to make a way. In March 2001, God answered his prayer and he was officially installed as the proud pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church. In May of 2003, he became the recipient of a Master of Divinity degree and just three years later, on May 1, 2006, Rev. Elliott became the recipient of an earned Doctorate degree in Ministry from his alma mater.

Pastor Elliott is the husband of Deaconess Jacqueline Whitley Elliott, and the father of Robert III and his daughter, the late Tavonne Sade'. Through God's spiritual guidance, Pastor Elliott instilled the vision of building a new sanctuary where current and prospective members can come together to praise and worship. In December 2008, the vision became a shepherd for his reality and the doors to the new sanctuary were opened to all.

Under his guidance as the spiritual shepherd for his Morning Star Family, Pastor Elliott has led his flock to greater heights and a better understanding of the infinite wisdom, mercies and goodness of God through His Word. His mission in life is to fulfill his vow to lead others to Christ and give God the best of his service.

**Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator**  
Sandy Mount Baptist Church, Smithfield, VA



The Reverend Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor was born in Evergreen, Alabama to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Taylor and is the oldest of thirteen (13) children. At the age of eleven (11), he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Owassa, Alabama. He was educated in the public school system of Evergreen, Alabama. He received his calling to the Gospel ministry and was licensed to preach on August 14, 1983 and ordained on December 20, 1984. He has over twenty-five (25) years of progressively responsible experience in church work and administrative leadership. He has preached in several states and accumulated many awards and achievements in his Christian journey and has several years of voluntary chaplaincy service at the John Randolph Medical Center, Hopewell, Virginia.

Dr. Taylor is the former pastor of the Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church in Carson, Virginia, where he was pastor for eight (8) years and provided Spiritual knowledge and leadership in order for the members to achieve many goals in the Lord.

Reverend Dr. Taylor's educational track is one of great magnitude and hard work. In May of 1995, he graduated from Atlantic Baptist Bible College in Chester, Virginia, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Theology. In May of 2004, he received his Master of Divinity Degree from Virginia Union University, Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia. On December 15, 2006, he received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Taylor received six (6) credit points toward his achievements in CPA (church management and taxes).

Reverend Taylor is a lifetime member of the NAACP Hopewell, Virginia chapter, member of the Hampton Roads Ministers' Conference, and member of the Virginia Union Theological Society. Dr. Taylor's dissertation is concentrated on *"Mentoring Tools for Associate Ministers in a Local Church Setting."*

Dr. Taylor's main goal as a minister and pastor is to be faithful to God, and to promote ministries and missions that will enhance God's people toward discipleship, evangelistic attributes, active membership, and a loving and supportive community of believers.

The Reverend Dr. Taylor was called to pastor the Sandy Mount Baptist Church of Smithfield, Virginia on November 21, 2011. On May 18, 2013, Dr. Taylor was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Moderator of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies. Dr. Taylor is married to the former Gail Yolanda Jones and they are residents of Chester, Virginia. He loves to preach and teach and he will preach. One of his favorite scriptures is found in II Timothy 2:15, *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the words of truth."*

# MEMBERS

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION & ALLIED BODIES**  
**MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**  
Church Name, Phone Number And Pastor

<u>Church</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
<i>Cypress Baptist Church</i>	804-530-4649	<i>Rev. Dr. Millard F. Boone, III</i>
Emmanuel Baptist Church	757-357-5805	Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III
First Baptist, Claremont	757-866-0494	Rev. Anthony Washington
First Gravel Hill Baptist	757-357-5550	Rev. Alexander Bracey, III
Jerusalem Baptist	804-834-3439	Rev. George Brown
Lebanon Baptist, Disputanta	804-541-6651	Rev. Dr. James Barnes
Lebanon Baptist, Surry	757-294-0139	Rev. Dr. Douglas Adams
Little Zion Baptist Church	757-357-4830	Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell
Main Street Baptist	757-357-2604	Rev. Dr. James Harrison
Morning Star Baptist	757-866-8512	Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott, Jr.
Mount Nebo Baptist	757-294-3342	Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Baltimore
Mount Sinai Baptist Church	757-357-2671	Vacant
New Jones Grove Baptist	757-357-7480	Rev. Alvin E. Pierce
Poplar Lawn Baptist	757-294-3839	Rev. Dr. Bruce Childs
Rising Star Baptist Church	757-357-7173	Rev. Terrell Batten
Sandy Mount Baptist Church	757-357-2298	Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor
Swan's Point Baptist Church	757-866-0507	Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker
Union Baptist Church	804-834-3255	Rev. Dr. Antonio Meade

**Burrowsville Sunday School Union**

**First Division Tidewater Sunday School Union**

**Second Division Tidewater Sunday School Union**

**Surry County Sunday School Union**



ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Douglas L. Adams 961 Brown's View Lane Surry, VA 23883	Rev. Dr. James Harrison 517 Main Street Smithfield, VA
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Rev. James L. Barnes 31195 Walters Highway Franklin, VA 23851	Marian J. Johnson 14169 Waterworks Road Smithfield, VA 23430
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Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell 9496 Old Stage Highway Smithfield, VA 23430	Rev. Alvin Pierce 365 Airport Road Richmond, VA
Rev. Dr. Millard Boone III P.O. Box 1267 Hopewell, VA 23860	Rev. James D. Rich Battery Park Road Smithfield, VA 23430
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Rev. Dr. Bruce Childs 5201 Rockport Landing Suffolk, VA 23435	Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor 3807 Seamist Road Chester, VA 23831
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Rev. Lucy Grain 129 Canaan View Lane Surry, VA 23883	Rev. P.D. Wells 14154 Wells-King Lane Smithfield, VA 23430
Rev. Willie Williams 1719 N Carolina Avenue Windsor, VA 23487	Thomasine Wrenn Scotts Factory Road Smithfield, VA
Predist Walker Scotts Factory Road Smithfield, VA 23430	Rev. Antonio Meade 4962 Laurel Springs Road Spring Grove, VA 23881
Rev. Dr. Leo Whitaker 687 Swan's Point Road Spring Grove, VA 23882	Rev. George Brown 6512 Carsley Road Waverly, VA 23890
Anthony Washington 142 Old Church Street Claremont, VA 23899	Rev. Dennis Harrison Surry, VA

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES**



**OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR  
2017-2018**

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr. ....	Moderator
Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor. ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Moderator
Rev. Alexander Bracey III. ....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator)
Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III .....	Association Dean
Sis. Paulette Scott .....	Executive Secretary
Min. Sylvia Flood .....	Recording Secretary
Sis. Linda Gholston.....	Assistant Recording Secretary
Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones .....	Financial Secretary
Sis. Perlene Montgomery.....	Treasurer
Sis. Catherine I. J. Blount .....	Musician
Dea. George L. Fauntleroy, Sr.....	Assistant Musician
Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell .....	Pres. Div. of Clergy
Dea. R. C. Montgomery.....	Chair. Div. of Laymen
Dea. Joesph Anderson.....	Co- Chair Div. of Laymen
Sis. Lillie White .....	Chair Div. of Missions
Sis. Dorothy Bailey.....	Co- Chair Div. of Missions
Sis. Henrietta Tullis.....	Chair Div. of Christian Education
Rev. Boris Kizzie.....	Co- Chair Div. of Christian Education
Rev. Thomasine Wrenn .....	Chair. Div. of Youth
Rev. Tara James.....	Co- Chair. Div. of Youth
Dea. Carl Smith.....	Chair Finance Committee
Sis. Angela Williams .....	Chair Registration Committee
Dea. Edward Jones.....	Chair Time & Place Committee
Dea. Morris Hall .....	Chair Ministers & Deacon Relief
Rev. Predist Walker.....	Co-Chair Ministers & Deacon Relief
Min. Sylvia Flood .....	Chair Nominating Committee
Sis Sabrina Denson .....	Co- Chair Nominating Committee
Sis. Angela Cosby.....	Chair Condolence Committee
Sis. Shelia Bailey .....	Chair Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee
Dea. Dalton Batten.....	Chair New Bodies Committee
Dea. Edward Jones.....	Historian
Host church of Annual Session.....	Chair Hospitality Committee
Dea. Ellen L. Jones .....	Association Mother
Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones .....	Chair Ad-Hoc Committee
Dea. Carl Smith.....	Chair Website Committee

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES**  
**DEATHS July 2016 through July 2017**  
**(As reported By Churches)**

CHURCH	DEATH (Names)
Cypress Baptist Church	Br. Claude Miller Jr. Dea. James Arthur Williams Bro. Roger Allan Motton Sis. Madge Parson Evans Sis. Margaret Chamberliss Eley
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Bro. Linnon Tynes Sis Ernestine Delk Sis. Gwendolyn Cypress Sis. Otelia Tynes
First Baptist Church Claremont	No report
First Baptist Church Wakefield	No report
Poplar Lawn Baptist Church	Sis. Delores Holloway Sis. Ethel Blount
Rising Star Baptist Church	0
Sandy Mount Baptist Church	No report
Swan's Point Baptist Church	No report
Union Baptist Church	No report
Main Street Baptist Church	No report
Morning Star Baptist Church	Sis. Pearl Evans
Mount Nebo Baptist Church	No report
Mount Sinai Baptist Church	No report
New Jones Grove Baptist Church	No report
First Gravel Hill Baptist Church	Sis. Perline Tynes Rev. P.D. Wells Sis. Margaret Johnson
Jerusalem Baptist Church	No report
Lebanon Baptist Church Surry	Dea. James Harris
Lebanon Baptist Church Disputanta	0
Little Zion Baptist Church	No report

# MINUTES

**LEBANON ASSOCIATION AND ALLIED BODIES**  
**Fall 2016 Planning Session**  
**September 10, 2016**

**DEVOTIONS**

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Prayer Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

**I. PAST BUSINESS**

**A. Review of Annual Session**

As a whole, favorable reviews were given of the Annual Session, however some voiced opinions that the Clergy workshop was not geared for lay persons and that a separate session should have been held for the Laymen and the Christian Education. Sis. Lillie White stated that she did trim some of the Thursday night Mission Division program/workshop to make time for other Association business or ventures. It was noted that the Youth Division and the Christian Education Division in past years had done their Annual Session workshop together. It was suggested that the Association should add a "Youth Concert" to the Annual Session.

**B. Time and Place Revision**

The Annual Session Time and Place Report was revised from what is printed in the 2016 Annual Journal to show that the 2017 Annual Session will be held at Gravel Hill Baptist Church. The revised Time & Place Report for 2016-2017 was made available to all present.

**II. PRESENT BUSINESS**

**A. Committee(s) Report**

1. Treasurer's Report (Report given by Mary Boothe-Jones for July (includes Bolden Bradby Banquet tickets, Assessments, etc. - See Sis. Jones for report)
2. Bolden Bradby Report (No Report Available due to absence of Committee Officer)
3. Deacon and Ministers' Relief Fund (See Dea. Morris Hall for full Report)
4. Other Committee Reports

**B. Absence of Reports**

It was noted that some reports are not given at meetings due to the continued absence of some Committee officers.

**III. FUTURE BUSINESS**

**A. Fall Session**

Date: October 15, 2016

Host: Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor

Division of Youth (Sis. Eunice Gay)

Due to absence of Division officers, no report was given on what workshops will be held

- B. **Vouchers** – Submitted on a Timely Basis (The importance of this continues to be stressed)

**IV. MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS**

Moderators went into closed session for a short discussion. When they returned, Moderator Lucas shared that letters will be sent to all Lebanon Association officers. They are expected to be at the upcoming Fall Session. If they are not present and have no good excuse, they will be removed in the beginning of the new year (2017). Some Division Chairs and some Committee Officers have not been present to make reports as called for. Business must still be carried on even in an officer's absence, but can not be done adequately if reports are not available.

It was noted that there are a couple of vacant positions in the Association that have not been filled by the Nominating Committee. In addition, it was noted that there is a need for an Assistant to the Deacons and Ministers Relief Committee to serve with Committee Chairman Deacon Morris Hall.

**V. PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE DINING STAFF**

Money (tips) collected from the members was presented to the dining staff for the delicious breakfast that they prepared.

Moderator Lucas also stated that too much food is being wasted due to anticipated attendance of officers not being met.

**VI. BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
WINTER PLANNING SESSION  
(Division of Christian Education)  
Saturday, November 11, 2016  
Emmanuel Baptist Church – Smithfield, Virginia**

**DEVOTIONS**

The Winter Planning Session (Division of Christian Education) was called to order with Moderator Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III presiding. The scripture taken from Hebrew 11:1-6, followed by prayer by Dr. Bruce E. Childs, Past Moderator.

**MINUTES OF LAST PLANNING SESSION (DIVISION OF YOUTHS)**

The minutes of the Fall Planning Session were read by Executive Secretary, Minister Sylvia Flood. The minutes were approved as read.

**PAST BUSINESS**

**Review of Fall Session (DIVISION OF YOUTHS)**

Positive feedback was received from the Fall Session held by the Division of Youth. Moderator Lucas stated that the Fall Planning Session was “*informative and inspirational*”, as all sessions should be. Overall feedback was that the facilitators held very good workshops. It was noted that our Association churches need to encourage the attendance and participation of their youths for all sessions. All sessions should have something planned or incorporated for both the youths and the adults.

**PRESENT BUSINESS (See Committee Chairs for Reports)**

**a. Committee(s) Report**

**1. Treasurer's Report**

(Treasurer not present, however, Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones (Financial Secretary) gave a report of what she had record of from the 2016 Annual Session).

**2. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report**

(No report)

**2. Deacons & Ministers Relief Report**

(See report given by Dea. Morris Hall)

**3. Other Committee Reports**

(Division of Youth - Min. Rosa Turner, stated that she is standing in for Sis. Eunice Gay and Rev. Alexander Bracey, III. She reported that as suggested at the last planning meeting, *we are on point with having the youth do a musical concert for the Annual Session.*”

Moderator Lucas stated that if the Association is to continue to be a success, we need to make some changes. Important business is not being handled due to the some officers not being present and reports not being available to discuss or complete the business of the Association. He stated that he

will meet again with the First and Second Moderators and a new letter will be drafted in order to move on with eliminating this absentee problem. Moderator Lucas stated that he did get a couple of responses from the previous letter that he sent to officers and delegates. Sis. Jacqueline Clarke is resigning her position as Chair of the New Bodies Committee and Sis. A. Jane Ellis is resigning her position as Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Moderator Lucas stated that Sis. Ellis suggested that this position might be handled by the Church hosting the Annual Session. It was noted that along with these two positions, there are several other vacant or non-reporting positions, including the Nominating Committee, whose sole responsibility is filling new or vacant positions. Dr. Lucas stated that persons nominated or accepting positions should show that he or she is interested or committed by showing up for sessions. He stated that he will not be putting people in positions just to fill vacancies. He further stated that if we don't have a working Nominating Committee, nominations will be handled from the floor.

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS**

##### **Winter Session (Division of Christian Education)**

The Winter Session will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Little Zion Baptist Church in Smithfield, where the Reverend Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell is pastor. No inclement weather date was set. The Division of Christian Education is in charge of this session. Rev. Thomasine Wrenn, Division Chair, did not present an agenda for the Winter Session workshop/seminar. She stated that she wants it to be a "surprise". It was stated that the session workshops/seminars title(s) /agenda need to be made known during the planning sessions. This is so that the Association churches can be made aware of what to expect in order to promote and encourage participation and attendance of the adults and youth, as well. Further noted, this is the main objective of all of our planning sessions.

#### **MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS**

Dr. Lucas stated that he wants to try something different for the upcoming Spring Session (Laymen). He stated that he would like to have this session on a Sunday after Sunday worship services. Dr. Lucas asked Dea. R.C. Montgomery, the Division Chair, if he thinks he can handle this. Deacon Montgomery's response was "Yes". Dr. Lucas stated that if this works well enough to continue or incorporate, we will then amend that portion of the constitution (Meetings, Article V, Section I, D), as needed.

Dr. Lucas reiterated that Division Chairs do not have to facilitate seminars and workshops themselves. He also stated that they do not have to ask the same persons or people that we are so accustomed to seeing. He stated that he will be in session or meeting with the Division Chairs to further discuss this issue.

One of our Stewardship Objectives, "One Church, One Child" sent the Association a letter, which was read by Moderator Lucas. This letter referencing the November theme, "National Adoption Month", was an appeal for the adoption of a child or children during the theme month.

We also received a letter from the Baptist General Convention, one of our other Stewardship Objectives, thanking the Association for the \$500.00 that was sent to them.

#### **PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE DINING STAFF**

An offering was collected and presented to the dining room staff as a token of appreciation for the delicious breakfast they served.



**BENEDICTION**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Lucas.

**SUBMITTED BY.**

  
Sis. Perlene P. Montgomery, Asst. Recording Secretary

Reverend Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

**\*MEMBERS PRESENT (NOVEMBER 11, 2016)**

Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III, Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor  
Minister Sylvia Flood, Exec. Secretary  
Rev. Dr. Bruce E. Childs  
Sis. Rosa Turner  
Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones  
Deacon. Perlene Montgomery  
Dea. R.C. Montgomery, Sr.  
Rev. Thomasine P. Wrenn  
Sis. Angela Williams  
Sis. Lillie B. White  
Dea. Alex Harris  
Bro. John Harris  
Sis. Delores Thomas  
Bro. Dalton L. Batten  
Sis. Evelyn Harris  
Bro. Clarence Blizzard  
Sis. Josephine Blizzard  
Sis. Joyce Hunt Hendrick  
Dea. Ellen Jones

\*(See Attendance Report for accurate listing and/or additional names)

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
SPRING PLANNING SESSION  
(Division of Laymen)  
Saturday, February 11, 2017  
Emmanuel Baptist Church B Smithfield, Virginia

**DEVOTIONS**

Scripture: Matthew 27: 3-11

Prayer: Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

**MINUTES OF LAST PLANNING SESSION (DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION)**

**PAST BUSINESS**

Review of Winter Session (DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION)

By all consent the session was fine.

**PRESENT BUSINESS (See Committee Chairs for Reports)**

a. Committee(s) Report

1. Treasurer=s Report
2. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report
3. Deacons & Ministers Relief Report

b. Other Committee Reports

Moderator Lucas presented changes in the offices that are being vacated and replaced for the next Moderator term. Some officers were retained; some resignations were submitted and accepted; and some officers dismissed due to no response. The following slate of officers are noted for nomination for the next Moderator term:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Moderator – Rev. Alexander Bracey, III  
Nominating Committee Chair – Minister Sylvia Flood  
Finance Secretary – Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones  
Treasurer – Deacn. Perlene Montgomery  
Musician – Sis. Catherine I.J. Blount  
Clergy Division President – Dr. Melvin Blackwell  
Laymen Division President – Dea. R.C. Montgomery, Sr.  
Mission Division President – Sis. Lillie White  
Christian Education Division – Sis. Henrietta Tullis  
Asst. Christian Ed President – Sis. Tera James

Youth Division President – Min. Thomasine Wrenn (Moderator has not heard from Sis. Gay)  
Finance Committee Chair – Deacon Carl Smith  
Condolence Committee President – Sis. Angelia Cosby  
Deacon and Ministers' Relief Vice-President – Rev. Walker  
Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee President – Sis. Sheila Bailey  
Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee Secretary – Bro. Bolden Bradby.  
New Bodies Committee – Minister Sylvia Flood  
Hospitality Committee President – To be handled by personnel of the Host Church  
Mother of the Association – Deacon Ellen Jones  
Dean of the Association – Moderator Lucas (Note: Dean serves same term as Moderator)  
Ad Hoc Committee – Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones and Deacon Perlene Montgomery  
Executive Secretary – Sis. Paulette Scott  
Asst Recording Secretary – Sis. Linda Gholston  
Website Committee – Deacon Carl Smith, Deacon Perlene Montgomery, and Sis. Mary  
Boothe-Jones

It was noted that Deacon Carl Smith is busy multi-tasking between two positions (finance chair and photographer) during our sessions. It was noted that Sis. Elsie Turner has the expertise to serve on the website committee and assist with the photography, since many of the pictures on the website were taken and submitted by her during the website's initial development. Because of her love for photography, she has graciously done this on her own and at her own expense. Because Sis. Turner's camera is now broken, she was somewhat hesitant about accepting this task; however, Dr. Lucas stated that the Association is willing to purchase a camera for her to use to take pictures for our website.

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS**

##### **Spring Session (Division of Laymen)**

Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 3:00p.m.

Place: Morning Star Baptist Church (Dr. Robert Elliott, Host Pastor)

Time: 3:00 p.m.

No repast planned

#### **MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS**

Moderator Lucas stated that this newly proposed session's objective is to stimulate growth, interest, and attendance in our Association. If it goes well, we may look at making some modifications to the LVBA Constitution so that our changes will not be in conflict with that which is already written.

#### **PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE DINING STAFF**

An offering was collected and presented to the dining room staff as a token of appreciation for the delicious breakfast they served.

#### **BENEDICTION**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Lucas

#### **SUBMITTED BY**

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Sis. Perlene P. Montgomery, Asst. Recording Secretary

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Reverend Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

**\*MEMBERS PRESENT ( )**

1. Dalton Batten
2. Angela Williams
3. Edward Jones
4. Margaret Wingo
5. Sarah Hall
6. Keshawn Hall
7. Jermaine Johnson
8. Lekesha Hall
9. Morris Hall
10. Dorothy Bailey
11. Lillie White
12. Linda Gholston
13. Rev. Dr. Bruce Childs
14. Thomasene Wrenn
15. Evelyn Harris
16. Annette Goodman
17. Delorise Thomas
18. Jeffery Bradby
19. Shirley Kennedy
20. Paulette Scott
21. Mildred H (Morning Star)
22. Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor
23. Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott
24. Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III
25. Min. Sylvia Flood
26. Helena Urquhart
27. Clara Jones
28. Elsie Turner
29. Carl Smith
30. Angela Cosby
31. Henrietta Tullis
32. RC Montgomery
33. Perlene Montgomery
34. Lillie White

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION  
(All Divisions Involved)  
Saturday, May 13, 2017  
Emmanuel Baptist Church B Smithfield, Virginia**

**DEVOTIONS**

Moderator Lucas opened the Annual Planning Session meeting at 9:30 a.m. with scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 followed by prayer from Deacon Dalton Batten.

**MINUTES OF LAST PLANNING SESSION (DIVISION OF LAYMEN)**

The actual reading of the minutes of the Spring Planning Session was omitted.

**PAST BUSINESS**

**Review of Spring Session (DIVISION OF LAYMEN)**

Dr. Lucas asked for comments on the Spring Session, which was held at the Morning Star Baptist Church on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Dr. Lucas stated that although the registration sheet showed a total of 192 sign-ins, there were some who arrived early or late and did not sign in. He stated that this was one of the largest turnouts that he had seen for the Association. The majority of the comments voiced were favorable. It was noted as "*a good forward move, a great turnout—one that should continue.*" Dr. Lucas stated that if we do move forward with this new platform, changes will have to be made to the Association's Constitution. This forward move would affect all of the Division Sessions. It was suggested that we test the new platform for 12 months before making any modifications to the Constitution. Many churches have built-in calendared events, e.g. Church Anniversary, Pastor's Anniversary, etc. Dr. Elliott suggested that we would need to meet with the Association Pastors and review all of their church calendars, and try to synchronize new session dates that will not conflict with neither the Association sessions nor the Association church's events.

**PRESENT BUSINESS (See Committee Chairs for Financial Reports)**

**a. Committee(s) Report**

**1. Treasurer=s Report**

Moderator Lucas read from a copy given to him by Treasurer, Sis. Angelia Cosby.

**2. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report**

Executive Secretary, Minister Sylvia Flood gave the financial report for the Bolden Bradby Scholarship Fund. She also read the names of the 13 applicants for the upcoming Bolden Bradby Scholarships. She stated that because of the passing of the Bolden Bradby Committee President, Reverend P.D. Wells, and the uncertainty of where to submit the applications, that some of the applicants went above and beyond to ensure that their application reached the Association by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Some were emailed and one was even taped to Minister Flood's door at home.

There was also some confusion about 4 of the applicants not receiving their scholarship award after the completion of their 1st semester of college. This was not true of at least

one of the names mentioned, whose check was in fact hand delivered to her just prior to her returning to college. It appears that there may be only 2 applicants who didn't get their scholarship check. Moderator Lucas stated that this can easily be taken care of. The money is not an issue. The confusion was probably due to the death of Reverend Wells and also the applicants thinking that they would be notified. The Bolden Bradby Scholarship procedures clearly states that the applicant must request his or her scholarship award, along with proof that he or she has satisfactorily completed the requirements of the first semester.

### 3. Deacons & Ministers Relief Report

President Morris Hall was absent due to a funeral he had to attend. Dr. Lucas encouraged Pastors and Deacons to take the message back to their church's deacons that they need to consider joining the Deacons and Ministers Relief, otherwise their widows would not be eligible for a relief check.

### b. Other Committee Reports

Minister Sylvia Flood read the slate of officers for nomination for the next Moderator term:

Moderator – Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott, Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Moderator – Rev. Alexander Bracey, III  
Nominating Committee Chair – Minister Sylvia Flood  
Finance Secretary – Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones  
Treasurer – Sis. Perlene Montgomery  
Musician – Sis. Catherine I.J. Blount  
Clergy Division President – Dr. Melvin Blackwell  
Laymen Division President – Dea. R.C. Montgomery, Sr.  
Laymen Division – Co Chair – Dea. Joseph Anderson (*suggested by Dea. R.C. Montgomery, that because Dea. Anderson, who gave up the Chair due to his fragile condition, should be considered for Co-Chair because he is still very much supportive and interested in the Laymen's work and hopes to be able to support in person in the future. Dr. Lucas and Dr. Elliott had no problem with this*)  
Mission Division President – Sis. Lillie White  
Christian Education Division President – Sis. Henrietta Tullis  
Co-Chair Christian Education - Rev. Boris Kizzie  
Youth Division President – Minister Thomasine Wrenn  
Co-Chair Youth Division – Rev. Tera James  
Finance Committee Chair – Deacon Carl Smith (*stated he would yield to someone else if desired, however Dr. Elliott, restated Deacon Smith's name as the choice*)  
Condolence Committee President – Sis. Angelia Cosby  
Deacon and Ministers' Relief Vice-President – Rev. Walker  
Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee President – Sis. Sheila Bradby Bailey  
Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee Secretary – Bro. Bolden Bradby  
New Bodies Committee – Deacon Dalton Batten  
Hospitality Committee President – To be handled by personnel of Hosting Church  
Mother of the Association – Deacon Ellen Jones  
Dean of the Association – Moderator Lucas (Note: Dean serves same term as Moderator)  
Ad Hoc Committee – Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones and Deacon Perlene Montgomery

Executive Secretary -- Sis. Paulette Scott  
Recording Secretary -- Minister Sylvia Flood  
Asst. Recording Secretary -- Sis. Linda Gholston  
New Bodies Committee President -- Deacon Dalton Batten  
Website Committee President -- Deacon Carl Smith

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

An additional planning meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Delegates need to be present because we will vote at this meeting. Installation of officers will be done on the Thursday night of the Association Annual Session. The Annual Session will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS**

Moderator Lucas informed the body that Dr. Robert Diggs will be the Guest Speaker for our Annual Planning Session. Reverend Moses Pollard will facilitate the Mission workshop for the Annual Planning Session.

Moderator Lucas stated that he felt it would be befitting to present an award to Reverend Wells' wife to commemorate his tenure as Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee President in addition to his position as Dean of the Association.

**Note:** Dr. Blackwell was not able to make the planning session today, due to a prior commitment. Also, Rev. Bracey was present, but had to leave early due to a funeral at his church.

**PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE DINING STAFF**

Dr. Taylor collected an offering and presented it to the dining room staff as a token of appreciation for the delicious breakfast they served.

**BENEDICTION**

The meeting adjourned around 10:30 a.m. with prayer.

**SUBMITTED BY.**

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Sis. Perlene P. Montgomery, Asst. Recording Secretary

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Reverend Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Carl Smith

2. Edward Jones
3. Angela Williams
4. Paulette Scott
5. Linda Gholston
6. Lillie White
7. Dorothy Bailey
8. Calvin Johnson
9. Valerie Artis
10. Evelyn Harris
11. Preston Artis
12. Elsie Turner
13. Lakesha Hall
14. Dalton Batten
15. Keshawn Hall
16. Perlenc Montgomery
17. RC Montgomery
18. Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor
19. Rev. Alexander Bracey III
20. Thomasene Wrenn
21. Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott
22. Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III
23. Min. Sylvia Flood
24. Mother Ellen Jones
25. Joyce Hendrick



**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES  
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION  
(All Divisions Involved)  
Saturday, June 24, 2017  
Emmanuel Baptist Church B Smithfield, Virginia**

**DEVOTIONS**

Moderator Lucas opened the Call Meeting of the Annual Planning Session at 9:40 a.m. with scripture taken from Matthew 6:1-6 followed by prayer from Deacon Morris Hall.

**MINUTES OF LAST PLANNING SESSION (DIVISION OF LAYMEN)**

The actual reading of the minutes of the May 13, 2017 Annual Planning Session was omitted, but referenced at certain points during the meeting.

**PAST BUSINESS**

This call meeting was held in order to tie up loose ends from the regular Annual Planning Session of May 13<sup>th</sup> that were not completed or ironed out at that time.

**PRESENT BUSINESS** *(See Committee Chairs for Financial Reports)*

**a. Committee(s) Report**

**1. Treasurer=s Report**

Finance Secretary, Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones gave a report of the funds that were given to her earlier this morning for Assessments and for the Bolden Bradby Scholarship.  
(See Treasurer, Sis. Angelia Cosby for complete printed report)

**2. Bolden Bradby Scholarship Report**

(See printed report)

**3. Deacons & Ministers Relief Report**

President Morris Hall gave a report of the Deacons & Ministers Relief Committee. (See printed report) He stated some confusion about a check that was issued to the Relief fund by the Association. He questioned what it was designated for. It was explained that it was an appropriation from the Association to supplement the Relief Fund.

**4. Other Committee Reports**

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

## **ANNUAL SESSION**

LVBA musician, Sis. Catherine Blount reported that Bro. Nehemiah Bowden will stand in for Dea. George Fauntleroy and accompany her as musician for the LVBA Concert Choir. Dea. Fauntleroy is a bit under the weather at present, but plans to be available for future sessions. The Concert Choir rehearsal for the Annual Session will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>, both at 6:00p.m. at First Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Rushmere.

### **TUESDAY**

- Tuesday is Moderator's Night. The LVBA Concert Choir will sing at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the Moderator's Message.

### **WEDNESDAY**

- The Christian Education Division did not make a report of what they were presenting at the Annual Session.

### **THURSDAY**

- Missions Division reported that Pastor Moses Pollard of The Unity Tabernacle church in Surry will be the Facilitator for the Thursday evening workshop. Pastor Terrell Batten of the Rising Star Baptist Church of Smithfield will be the Worship Leader.
- Ministers will be pulled into a separate workshop, where Dr. Elliott will address them about business of the Association. Pastors will need to bring their church calendars showing their yearly calendared events (i.e. anniversaries, homecomings, revivals, etc.), so that their respective calendars can be synchronized and if possible not conflict the Association dates.
- Officers for the next term will be installed.
- Bolden Bradby Scholarship Banquet will be held at 7:00pm. Speaker will be Dr. Robert Diggs.

## **BUDGET MEETING**

First Vice-Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott, briefly stated that stipends for certain offices within the Association will be upgraded. This will be done in a budget meeting on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Morning Star Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

## **MODERATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMENTS**

Moderator Lucas read the slate of officers for nomination for the next Moderator term:

Moderator – Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator – Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Moderator – Rev. Alexander Bracey, III  
 Executive Secretary – Sis. Paulette Scott  
 Recording Secretary – Minister Sylvia Flood  
 Asst. Recording Secretary – Sis. Linda Gholston  
 Financial Secretary – Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones  
 Treasurer – Sis. Perlene Montgomery  
 Musician – Sis. Catherine I.J. Blount  
 Asst. Musician – Deacon George L. Fauntleroy, Sr.  
 President Clergy Division – Dr. Melvin Blackwell  
 President Laymen Division – Dea. R.C. Montgomery, Sr.  
 Co-Chair Laymen Division – Dea. Joseph Anderson  
 President Mission Division – Sis. Lillie White  
 Co. Chair – Mission Division – Sis. Dorothy Bailey  
 President Christian Education Division – Sis. Henrietta Tullis  
 Co-Chair Christian Education - Rev. Boris Kizzie  
 President of Youth Division – Minister Thomasine Wrenn  
 Co-Chair Youth Division – Sis. Tera James  
 Finance Committee Chair – Deacon Carl Smith  
 Chair of Registration Committee – Sis. Angela Williams  
 Chair of Time & Place Committee – Dea. Edward Jones  
 Chair of Deacons & Ministers' Relief Committee – Dea. Morris Hall  
 Co-Chair Deacon and Ministers' Relief – Rev. Walker  
 Nominating Committee Chair – Minister Sylvia Flood  
 Asst Chair Nominating Committee – Sis. Sabrina Denson  
 Condolence Committee President – Sis. Angelia Cosby  
 President Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee – Sis. Sheila Bradby Bailey  
 Secretary Bolden Bradby Scholarship Committee – Bro. Bolden Bradby  
 President New Bodies Committee – Deacon Dalton Batten  
 Historian – Dea. Edward Jones  
 President of Hospitality Committee – To be handled by personnel of Hosting Church  
 Mother of the Association – Deacon Ellen L. Jones  
 Dean of the Association – Dr. Eldridge Lucas, III  
 President Ad Hoc Committee – Sis. Mary Boothe-Jones  
 Chair of Website Committee – Deacon Carl Smith

It was properly moved and seconded that the above officers are accepted into the specified positions for the next term. They will be installed into office on the Thursday evening, July 13, 2017 at the LVBA Annual Session.

### **VOUCHERS**

Moderator Lucas reminded everyone that vouchers are to be submitted in a timely fashion. He does not want to be running around signing vouchers during the Annual Session.

### **PRESENTATION TO EXECUTIVE DINING STAFF**

Second Vice Moderator, Dr. Bobby Taylor collected an offering and presented it to the dining room staff as a token of appreciation for the delicious breakfast they served.

**BENEDICTION**

The meeting adjourned around 10:30 a.m. with prayer.

**NOTE:**

Executive Secretary, Minister Sylvia Flood issued Bolden Bradby Banquet Tickets to the churches that were available to receive them.

**SUBMITTED BY,**

**Perlene P. Montgomery**

Sis. Perlene P. Montgomery, Asst. Recording Secretary

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Reverend Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator

**MEMBERS PRESENT** (See Attendance Report)

**All members present 6.24.2017**

1. Paulette Scott
2. Boris Kizzie
3. Mary Boothe-Jones
4. RC Montgomery
5. Perlene Montgomery
6. Carl Smith
7. Addie Richardson
8. Sabrina Denson
9. Linda Gholston
10. Barbara Parker
11. Angela Williams
12. Morris Hall
13. Mable Leary
14. Margaret Wingo
15. Keshawn Hall
16. Dalton Batten
17. Rev. Terrell Batten
18. Lakeisha Hall
19. Evelyn Harris
20. Rev. P. Walker
21. Gail Taylor
22. Thomasene Wrenn
23. Henrietta Tullis
24. Deloris Thomas
25. Lucy Butler
26. Catherine Blount
27. Dorothy Bailey
28. Lillie White
29. Deloise Gwaltney
30. Kym Uzzle
31. Rev. James Cozart
32. Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott
33. Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor
34. Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III
35. Min. Sylvia Flood

**SESSIONS**  
**2016-2017**

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES



Fall SESSION  
October 15, 2016 – 8:00a.m.– 12:00 noon  
Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator  
HOST CHURCH  
Sandy Mount Baptist Church – Smithfield, Virginia  
Rev. Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor – Host Pastor

Presiding..... Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator  
Opening Selection..... Praise Dancers (Sandy Mount Baptist Church)  
Scripture..... Psalm 107:1-8  
Prayer..... Rev. Terrell Batten  
Selection .....

Welcome..... Sandy Mount Baptist Church

Response from LV B A..... Rev. Dr. Elliott  
Moderator's Moment.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III  
Presentation Of Plaques From Ambassadors From Christ

Offering.....

Introduction of Facilitators..... Eunice Gay

FALL SESSION  
Division Of Youth  
Rev. Lucy Grain  
Sis Timothene Tucker  
PRESENTS  
Church Etiquette

FACILATATOR  
Rev. Jerry Holmes  
Dark Times In Our Country  
Matthew 5:14 &16

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Reports.....

Moderator's Reflections.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
AND ALLIED BODIES



Winter SESSION  
January 14, 2017 – 8:00a.m.– 12:00 noon  
Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator  
HOST CHURCH  
Emmanuel Baptist Church – Smithfield, Virginia  
Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III – Host Pastor

Presiding..... Rev. Dr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator  
Opening Selection.....  
Scripture..... Isaiah 6:1-8  
Prayer..... Rev. Terrell Batten  
Selection .....What A Fellowship  
Welcome..... Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Response from LV B A.....  
Moderator's Moment.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III  
Offering.....  
Introduction of Facilitators.....

WINTER SESSION  
Division Of Christian Education  
Rev. Thomasine Wrenn  
PRESENTS  
FOCUS ON THE BLACK FAMILY

The Black Presence in the Bible.....Rev. Thomasine Wrenn  
Praise Dancing.....SMBC

FACILATATOR  
Rev. Dr. Bobby Taylor  
#1 Problem Plaguing The Black Family  
Refocusing The Black Back To God

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Reports.....  
Moderator's Reflections.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III  
Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III



The LVBA thanks the Little Zion  
Baptist Church family for  
All donations for the SPRING  
Session Held at  
Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Thanks And May God Bless You

LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
& ALLIED BODIES  
Spring Session  
April 9, 2017  
3pm  
Morning Star Baptist Church  
Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott Jr.-Pastor

Registration 2:30pm

Presiding.....Dr. Bobby Lee Taylor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator  
Opening Selection.....What A Fellowship  
Scripture.....Psalm 23  
Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Taylor  
Selection.....I Love To Praise His Name  
Welcome.....Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott Jr.  
Pastor- Morning Star Baptist Church  
Response .....All  
Moderator's Moment.....Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III  
Emmanuel Baptist Church

Dea Reubin Montgomery Sr.\*\*\*\*\*Division Of Laymen  
Workshop – Servants  
Youth Workshop- Sis Sophenia Pierce  
Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Surry, Va  
Adult Workshop- Rev. Dr. James Harrison  
Main Street Baptist Church  
Surry, Va

WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. George Brown  
& The Jerusalem Baptist Church, Waverly, Va  
Ministry Matters - Luke 7: 11-17

Reports.....  
Moderator's Reflections.....  
Benediction

**LEBANON VIRGINIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
& ALLIED BODIES**

October 15, 2016

Number of Churches Present	13
Clergy	12
Delegates	18
Youth	12
Members	30
Visitors	1
Total Attendance	73

January, 2017

Number Churches Present	11
Clergy	9
Delegates	18
Youth	11
Members	25
Visitors	0
Total Attendance	63

April 9, 2017

Number of Churches Present	12
Clergy	13
Delegates	18
Youth	25
Members	134
Visitors	0
Total Attendance	190

**Submitted By : Angela Williams- Chairperson  
Dea. Edward Jones- Assistant**

*BOLDEN BRADBY SCHOLARSHIP*

*FUND*

*2016-2017*

BOLDEN BRADBY SCHOLARSSHIP FUND

Received Scholarships for 2017

Henry L. Beatty III  
988 TimberNeck Drive  
Surry, VA 23883  
Lebanon Baptist Church

Joshua A. Hagins  
19180 Battery Park, Rd  
Smithfield, VA 23430  
Rising Star Baptist Church

Bria Rochelle Gholston  
P.O. Box 237  
Disputana, VA 23842  
Lebanon Baptist Church Disputana, VA

Erion Brown  
687 Alliance Rd  
Surry, VA. 23883  
Poplar Lawn Baptist Church

## Bolden Bradby Scholarships

Applications received by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

NAME	CHURCH
1. De'Shuan Beamon	Little Zion Baptist Church
2. Nijeria Blackwell	Little Zion Baptist Church
3. Donielle Alexander Blake	Poplar Lawn Baptist Church
4. Taylor Denson	Rising Star Baptist Church
5. Za'Niyah Diggs	Emmanuel Baptist Church
6. Mikaiah Hamlin	Little Zion Baptist Church
7. Franshaun M. Howell	Morning Star Baptist Church
8. Justin A. Irvin	Morning Star Baptist Church
9. Brianna Johnson	Rising Star Baptist Church
10. A'Shantee C. Jones	Little Zion Baptist Church
11. Jaleesa Jones	Emmanuel Baptist Church
12. Jakhya Osborne	Emmanuel Baptist Church
13. Jasmine Townes	Little Zion Baptist Church



134th ANNUAL SESSION

BOLDEN BRADBY SCOLARSHIP  
FUND BANQUET

7pm

WORSHIP LEADER

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE MODERATOR

REV. DR. ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR  
MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

OPENING SELECTION \*\*\*\*\*ALL

INVOCATION \*\*\*\*\*Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott Jr.  
Morning Star Baptist Church

WELCOME \*\*\*\*\*Rev. Alexander Bracey  
First Gravel Hill Baptist Church

PURPOSE\*\*\*\*\*Rev. Dr. Bruce Childs

SELECTION\*\*\*\*\*Sis. Joy Vernon

BLESSING OF FOOD

DINNER

SELECTION\*\*\*\*\*Sis. Joy Vernon

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER\*\*\*\*\*Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott Jr.

SERMONIC SELECTION \*\*\*\*\*Sis Joy Vernon

BANQUET PROCLAMATION\*\*\*\*\*Rev. Dr. Robert A. Diggs  
Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Petersburg, Va

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS & BENEDICTION \*\*\*\*\*Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator



Dr. Robert A. Diggs, Sr. is a native of Mathews, Virginia. He is the son of Frances V. Diggs and the late Robert E. Diggs of Cardinal, VA. He attended public school there and worshipped in the Zion Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. W. R. Henderson baptized him. Having graduated high school as a State Champion Half Miler, he was recruited by Norfolk State College to run track. He was the CIAA Champion three of four years in the mile or half mile and a member of the NCAA Championship team for two years consecutively.

He received his BS Degree and entered the U.S. Army as a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned RA Quartermaster detailed Infantry in 1975. He served as platoon leader, executive officer, S-3 Air, S-3, and Company Commander during his first tour in the military. He was then selected to attend the University of Iowa where he received an MA Degree. His follow-on assignment was at the US Military Academy at West Point where he taught Physical Education for three years and coached track.

Rev. Diggs was called into the Gospel ministry while in command at Fort Hood, Texas. He preached his trial sermon at age 28 under the instruction of the late Rev. Dr. R. A. Abercrombie of the Marlboro Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Killeen, Texas in August 1980. While at the US Military Academy, West Point, New York, he entered seminary at the Nyack Missionary College (Christian Missionary Alliance Seminary) and began work towards a Master of Divinity Degree. He was later transferred to Fort Meade, MD where he continued his study at the Howard University Divinity School. He received his Master of Divinity Degree in May 1986.

“All things are possible with God”, for he completed his seminary education at night and during the summers while on active duty. Rev. Diggs received catechetical instruction from Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd and was ordained April 1986 by the First Baptist Church of Guilford where Rev. Dr. John L. Wright is pastor. His ecclesiastical endorsement for the ministry of the chaplaincy was from the National Baptist Church USA Incorporated. Having completed all the academic and religious requirements, he applied for a branch transfer to the US Army Chaplain Corps; but he was turned down. He was told that in order for him to become a chaplain he had to be a reserve Captain. At the time, Chaplain Diggs was two months from being promoted to Major, on the Command and General Staff College school’s list and already Regular Army. The chaplaincy stated he would have to resign his RA commission, decline promotion to Major and leave the military for one day to be reappointed the next day as a brand new chaplain, Captain in a reserve status.

It was on Easter Sunday 1986 that he sat down to pen his resignation. The last line of that letter read, “Jesus Christ gave up His life; the least I can do is give up a golden leaf.” He was reappointed as a Chaplain in June 1986 and has served as a Battalion and Brigade level chaplain; during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield he served as the First Brigade First Cavalry Division, Brigade Chaplain and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He relinquished his duties as founding pastor of the Comanche Community Chapel in August 1992, which is now the largest chapel facility and congregation in the US Armed Forces. Having begun with only 175 people in 1986, by 1991 over 1200 worshippers gathered each Sunday to hear the Spirited Gospel messages delivered by Chaplain Diggs. In addition, a 350 member Children’s Church, gathered at the same time to worship under his visionary leadership.



Having completed the Master of Arts in Religious Studies with a concentration in Ethics (May 1993), he served as Ethics Instructor and Chaplain to the US Army Logistics Management College in Fort Lee, Virginia. Having completed special research and writing on a dissertation entitled, "American Women in Combat: An Ethical Issue" he attained the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Howard University's School of Divinity in May 1994. God is good.

Having turned down attendance to the U. S. Army Division Chaplains' Course and a below the zone selection to Colonel, on July 7, 1996 he became the fifth Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Petersburg, Virginia. In addition to serving as Pastor, Dr. Diggs has held positions in various organizations over the years to include: Chairman of Finance for the Virginia Baptist State Convention, member of the Board of Directors of the Appomattox Education Foundation for the Governors School in Petersburg, Virginia, state convention appointed trustee to the Children's Home of Virginia Baptist, and member of the Board of Directors at the Virginia State University Credit Union. Dr. Diggs is currently a member of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Diggs retired from active duty on July 2, 1998 receiving the Legion of Merit; the highest military award given during peace, signed by the President of the United States. His other military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Medal, the South East Asia Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Parachute Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

He is married to Dr. Christine Heath Diggs, and they have three gifts from God: Robert Jr.; Schnequa and Christopher.

Reverend Diggs' life grounding text is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association and Allied Bodies would like to extend a special thanks to our speakers, facilitators, members and all other attendees who helped make this 134th Annual Session a successful and meaningful experience.

To our host pastor, Rev. Alexander Bracey III and the First Gravel Hill Baptist Church family, we are grateful and we appreciate all that you do for this Association and we pray that you will continue in the future. You have allowed us to feel right at home. We thank you for being such a gracious host and we thank God.

We would also like to thank the churches for hosting the Fall, Winter and Spring sessions in the year 2016 and 2017.

To the Emmanuel Baptist Church family we thank you for breakfast you served so eloquently during our planning sessions. We thank you.

To the LVBA Moderators, officers, committees, pastors, and all who supported this great Association during the year “THANK YOU”.

**May God Bless You All**

**Rev. Dr. Eldridge Lucas III, Moderator**

# **BOLDEN BRADBY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

## **CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY**

- 1) All applicants must be a member in good standing of a church that is a member in good standing of the Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association.
- 2) All applicants should have good moral and ethical character as attested to by their Pastors.
- 3) All applicants must meet the approval of their individual churches as authorized by their Pastors.
- 4) All applications must be typed and signed by the applicant.
- 5) Verification will be made on applicant's statement that he/she is enrolled or attending a college, university, or vocational school prior to awarding of any scholarship.
- 6) The Bolden Bradby Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant one time only.
- 7) The scholarship will be awarded to students who have completed at least one semester or one quarter of an approved institution of higher learning. The scholarship will be awarded in the month of January.
- 8) All applications must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>. No applicants will be received after this deadline.
- 9) The awards committee reserves the discretionary powers to determine the amount and the number of awards to be given.
- 10) The scholarship committee will maintain a list of alumni who have been recipients of the fund.

Statement of Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

College You Are Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Intend To Complete Your College/University Education? \_\_\_\_\_

Why Do You Wish To Attend College/University? \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Have Any Hobbies Or Special Interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Have Any Special Limitations? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Please List \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Received Other Scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Give Source(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Family \_\_\_\_\_ Sisters \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_ Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Living? \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Living? \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

In What Way Do You Plan To Help Finance Your Education? \_\_\_\_\_

On An Attached Sheet Of Paper, Write A Paragraph Describing Personal Desires/Goals.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail applications by May 1<sup>st</sup> to  
Attn: Min. Sylvia Flood  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
11150 Emmanuel Church Rd  
Smithfield, Va 23430

## STATEMENT OF CHURCH

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Is He/She A Member Of The Church? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

To What Auxiliary(ies) Does He/She Belong? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

What Office or Offices Does He/She Hold? \_\_\_\_\_

How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks/Comments (Applicant's Moral and Ethical Character) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF SCHOOL

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rating of Applicant In School Work (Check One):

Above Average  Average  Below Average  Excellent

Attitude Towards Work \_\_\_\_\_

Is He/She Likely To Succeed? \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_