

COURSES

#6013--Organizing the Church for Christian Education

Dr. Alvin Harris is saved and attends Middle Baptist Church in Memphis, TN where he serves in the Sunday School Ministry. He has completed religious studies at Tennessee School of Religion (2021), Memphis Center of Urban Theological Studies at Union University (2021 MCUTS), and Herbert Brewster Theological Clinic and Religious Studies (2017). In 2019, he earned his Instructor's and Dean's Certification from the National Baptist Christian Education Ministry under the auspices of the Sunday School Publishing Board. He received his doctorate degree (2013) in Educational Leadership from the University of Memphis. Dr. Harris is certified to teach (18) courses through the Sunday School Publishing Board and is currently pursuing his Master Teacher's Certification through the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (2022), as well as a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies at Alliance Bible College and Seminary. Dr. Harris retired in 2017, from the U. S. Army with thirty years of service, and with the rank of Major. He has twenty-three years of experience as an Instructional Leader in the Memphis City and Shelby County School System. He has been a featured speaker for the Aspiring Administrators Program, hosted by Shelby County Schools.

Instructor:

DR. ALVIN HARRIS, JR.



COURSES

#4001--Christian Beliefs

Pastor Brian Castle has served faithfully as Pastor of Indiana Street Missionary Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for eleven years. A native of New Iberia, Louisiana, he is a cum laude graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe and accepted his call to ministry in 2000. He later earned a Diploma of Christian Education through the National Baptist Convention's Certificate of Progress Program and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary.

A former public-schoolteacher and administrator, Pastor Castle is deeply committed to Christian Education and the spiritual development of God's people. His leadership emphasizes modeling spiritual growth, strengthening discipleship, and equipping believers for service, worship, and ministry. He teaches throughout Arkansas and serves as an instructor for both the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas and the Regular Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Pastor Castle is joyfully married to Sister Constance Castle and together they share three children, a son-in-law, and one grandson.

Instructor:
REV. BRIAN CASTLE



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#8066—Giants Must Fall (Christianity & Contemporary Issues)

Rosalyn Scruggs is a woman guided by her faith, born, raised, and educated in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her spiritual journey has been shaped by her commitment to worship at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where the Senior Pastor is C. Dennis Edwards I.

Rosalyn is a devoted and active member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church. She participates in several ministries and groups, including the Fruit of the Spirit Sunday School Class, Bible Study (PRESS), Women's Missionary Union, Autumn Age Servant Leader, and the Allie Ridgle and Myrtle Gillard Christian Leadership Institute. Through her involvement, she demonstrates a steadfast commitment to her faith and community.

Rosalyn's commitment to her faith is reflected in her daily life. She strives to be an example for others, offering encouragement and guidance through her teaching. As a long-time teacher, Rosalyn aims to inspire transformation by helping others apply scripture to their lives. Her dedication led her to enroll in the Certificate of Progress Program of the Sunday School Publishing Board, where she earned her Diploma in December 2019.

Rosalyn is happily married to George Scruggs. Together, they have two adult daughters, a son-in-law, and one grandson, cherishing their close-knit family.

Instructor:

SISTER ROSALYN SCRUGGS



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#2015--Foundation of Christian Ethics

Dr. Rena McKinney has been an instructor for the Sunday School Publishing Board since 2011. With the assistance of Dr. Katherine Bennett, Dr. McKinney enrolled in the COPP program in 2009 and completed and received her Christian Education diploma in 2013. Since the first class taught, she has been up to speed in teaching and is certified to teach 9 courses. Dr. McKinney states that it has been a joy also since that first class. Enjoyment for teaching God's word comes easy when you know and have that relationship with the Lord, you don't mind telling others just how wonderful God really is.

Instructor:

DR. RENA MCKINNEY

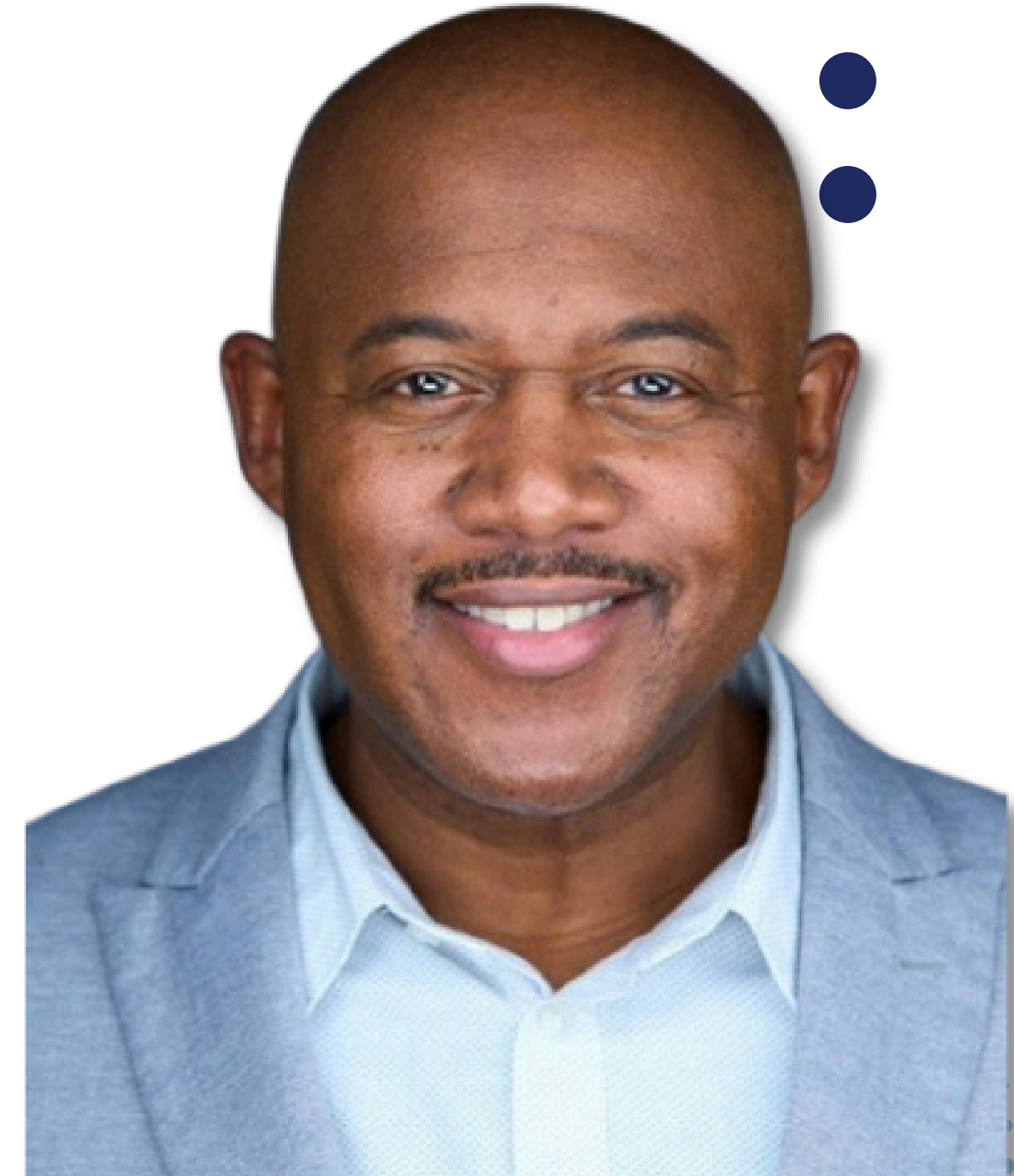


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#4019--Black Liberation through Theology

Rev. Artis Taylor is an accomplished Pastor and a Data Engineering Manager at FedEx. He has been happily married to his college sweetheart, Kendra, for almost 28 years (December 28). He and Kendra have 2 adult sons, Micah and Austin, both of Huntsville, AL. Rev. Taylor is also a published author. His devotional book, God's Daily Challenge, continues to impact lives around the world! Rev. Taylor also teaches courses in the Christian Leadership School and is certified by the National Baptist Convention Sunday School Publishing Board to teach Theology, Baptist Doctrine, People of Color in the Bible, Christian Leadership, and Christianity and Contemporary Issues among other classes. Rev. Taylor has been blessed to serve as senior pastor for two churches. Currently, he's the main Bible Study teacher at St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Christopher B. Davis. God has given Rev. Taylor the unique experience of revitalizing churches, fostering growth in both membership and financial contributions. God has allowed him to inspire people and lead with teams to accomplish his God-given mission to build the Kingdom of God through discipleship, membership, and service.

Instructor:
REV. ARTIS TAYLOR



COURSES

#8035--The African American Church and Social Justice

Guided by Matthew 5:16, Associate Minister and Dean Laura Landrum is committed to shining the light of Christ through faithful service in both church and community. A native of Rayville, Louisiana, she is the devoted wife of Frank Landrum and an active servant-leader at First Baptist Church of North Little Rock under Reverend William L. Robinson.

For more than thirty-five years, Minister Landrum has dedicated herself to Christian education, spiritual growth, and the unifying power of Scripture. She is a graduate of Bible Study Fellowship International, a leader within the Noah's of Ark Emmaus Community, a Union District COP graduate, and among the first graduates of the St. Luke School of Ministry. Her ministry is deeply rooted in 2 Timothy 3:16 and the transformative authority of God's Word.

As Dean of Christian Education at First Baptist Church, she co-led the 2018 Christian Leadership School, awarding over three hundred certificates across all ages. She also serves actively within the Union District Baptist Association and has been honored by the National Baptist Convention USA for her leadership as Dean of Records.

Minister Landrum remains steadfast in her belief that spiritual growth requires listening, learning, and living by Scripture. Her life and ministry continue to reflect her focus: "Fulfilling Our Calling Unto Salvation through Jesus Christ."

Instructor:

DEAN LAURA LANDRUM



COURSES

#7014--Equipping Laypersons to Serve

Dr. Lloyd Edward Hervey, born in Conway, Arkansas in 1945, is a lifelong educator with nearly five decades of service. He earned degrees from Philander Smith College, the University of Central Arkansas, and a doctorate from the University of Memphis. His career includes teaching at the elementary level, serving as a Gifted and Talented facilitator, and holding multiple leadership and faculty roles at both the University of Central Arkansas and Philander Smith College, where he also served in several interim administrative positions. He retired in 2018.

Dr. Hervey is a Vietnam War Army veteran, a devoted member and leader within Greater Pleasant Branch Missionary Baptist Church, and an active contributor to Christian education at the district, state, and national levels. He resides in Conway with his wife, Verna, and is a father and grandfather.

Instructor:
DR. LLOYD HERVEY



COURSES

#1109--The Study of the Last Things

Reverend William Givens has been a devoted member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock for more than sixty years, faithfully serving in roles ranging from deacon and choir member to Bible study teacher and now Discipleship Pastor. He continues to lead through Sunday School, P.R.E.S.S. Bible Study, Christian workshops, and the Union District Congress of Christian Education.

His ministry extends into the community through youth mentorship and outreach, including service with "No Limit Soldiers," the Christian Competition Track Club, Parkview Mustangs Youth Football, and several health and wellness initiatives with UAMS, the Clinton Foundation, and the VA.

Reverend Givens is a graduate of Horace Mann High School and Central Baptist College, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Ministry and Leadership, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He also holds an Associate Degree in Christian Ministry and is known as a gifted workshop leader committed to sharing the Gospel.

He has been married to Ellna Jean Bruce Givens for more than fifty years, and they are blessed with four children and ten grandchildren. His life reflects Luke 12:48b: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Instructor:

REV. WILLIAM GIVENS

