

2017-18 CALENDAR

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August 12 Mid-Year Session/Sunday School and Living the Baptist Faith Workshop: **The Hill Hernando, 9:00 am**

September 4-8 National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.: Cincinnati

November 27-29 Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB) Conference: Nashville

February 1-3 (February 8-10 snow date) One Mississippi Unity Conference and Annual Teachers' and VBS Workshop: **The Hill Hernando**

March 12-16 Regional High Schools' Spring Break

March 19-22 MSCCC State Convention/Congress/Association
Annual Session: Oak Hill/The Hill-Hernando

April 3-5 North MS Ministerial Association/MSCCC Revival: **TBA, 7:30 p.m.**

April 27-28 SSPB Southwest 1 Regional Conference: Friendship-Mobile, AL

June 18-22 National Baptist Congress: Oklahoma City

ABOUT US

The Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference (MSCCC) is a fellowship of Mid-South churches dedicated to the promotion of Christian education through the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). The MSCCC is a representing state convention in the **National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated (NBCUSA)**.

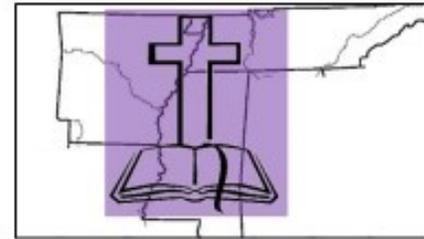
Vision: We will become the leading Christian education voice among National Baptist Churches and other doctrinally aligned churches.

Mission: We will achieve our vision by staying true to Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.

Cooperative Church Option: Churches who do not wish to be full convention members may participate in one or more of MSCCC's initiatives.

Brief History: MSCCC began as an informal network of pastors committed to Christian education, health and wellness, and economic development in 2002. On August 8, 2008, MSCCC launched a web portal. Through the years, Mid-South Churches hosted several Christian education workshops and an online regional calendar of events. In December 2011, at the move of the Holy Spirit among pastors in North Mississippi, the web portal was transformed into a full-fledged conference of churches. After a unanimous vote of the officers, pastors, and members on May 31, 2012, MSCCC became a State Convention/State Congress/Association. In June 2012, the MSCCC affiliated with the NBCUSA. In August 2013, MSCCC received the first in a series of grant funding opportunities now totaling nearly \$3 million.

Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference (Baptist) State Convention



2017-2020

- Voice
- Integrity
- Salvation
- Instruction
- Opportunity
- Neighboring



Habakkuk 2:2, ESV

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V.I.S.I.O.N. 2020

V.I.S.I.O.N. 2020 (V-2020) is the Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference State Convention's (MSCCC) three-year strategic plan. Supported by six principles, V-2020 seeks to better position MSCCC in being a resource for member and cooperative churches/organizations and their constituents in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Voice (Proverbs 31.8-9, The Message)

A Voice for God and the "Voiceless"

"(S)peak up for the people who have no voice, for the rights of all the down-and-outers. Speak out for justice! Stand up for the poor and destitute!"

Voice: wish, choice, or opinion openly or formally expressed the voice of the people (Merriam-Webster)

In the communities we serve, we must be both God's voice and the voice for the "voiceless."

Examples of ministries: homeless, immigrant, transitional housing, chronically ill, substance abuse, volunteer income tax assistance, women and youth empowerment, clergy/leadership training

Integrity (Matthew 5.16, NKJV)

A Trusted and Respected Church

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Integrity: adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty (Dictionary.com)

We must be congregations that reflect God's *agape* love to all through Christian stewardship of the resources that God has blessed us with.

Examples of ministries: accountability ministry (internal/external), community advisory board (non-congregants), participants on/in community boards and organizations

Salvation (Matthew 28.19-20, NKJV)

A Place where the Lost Are Found

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Salvation: deliverance, preservation, safety from danger but more especially sin

We must be intentional about saving the lost and nurturing the saved.

Examples of ministries: street witnessing teams, social media outreach, prayer partners/teams, Daily Bread witnessing

Instruction (2 Timothy 3.16-17, NKJV)

A Congregation Thirsting for God's Word

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Instruction: the act of furnishing with knowledge, especially by a systematic method; teaching; training; educating (Dictionary.com)

We must make Christian education the bedrock foundation of our congregations with a special emphasis on reaching the Millennial generation.

Examples of ministries: Sunday and during the week church schools, small group Bible study, Facebook Live Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, liturgical dance institutes

Opportunity (2 Timothy 1.7, NKJV)

A Bold People in a Fearsome World

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Opportunity: an appropriate or favorable time or occasion (Dictionary.com)

We must not be afraid to take advantage of the opportunities that God has prepared for us including both religious and secular opportunities.

Examples of ministries: community development corporations, economic development councils, social media outreach, webpage

Neighboring (Luke 10.25-37, The Message)

A Fellowship of Believers Dedicated to Service after the Benediction

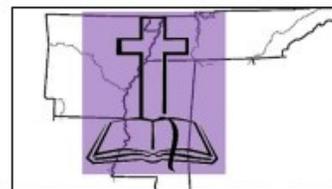
"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" 'The one who treated him kindly,' the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'"

Neighboring: the act of showing kindness or helpfulness toward one's fellow humans (English Language and Usage)

We must work to make reality Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "beloved community" based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one's fellow human beings; don't attend church – be the church!

Examples of ministries: food insecurity networks, adopt-a-grandparent, hospital/nursing home visitation, disaster relief

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