

American Baptist Churches of the South
55th Annual Session Highlights
Tuesday April 29th – Thursday May 1st, 2025
Theme: “Living for Christ; Serving This Present Age”
Acts 13:32-42 Theme Hymn: “I Am Thine” Fanny J. Cosby

Tuesday 29 April 2025		
Auxiliary Meetings		
ABWOTS’s Leadership Seminar	Room 236 & 264	8:00-11:15am
ABMOTS JL Leadership Breakfast	Room 239	8:00-11:15am
AB Ministers Council	Room 240	8:00-11:15am
Auxiliaries Business Sessions		
ABWOTS	Room 236	11:30am-12:15pm
ABMOTS	Room 239	11:30am-12:15pm
AB Ministers Council	Room 240	11:30am-12:15pm
SPEAKER Mt. Carmel Worship Center		12:20-12:40pm
MISSION LUNCHEON	MALLWAY A	12:45-2pm
<u>EMPOWERING CONVERSATION</u> <u>Colloquy of Local Churches in Missions</u>	Mt. Carmel Worship Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First BC, West, Charlotte, Rev. Dr. Ricky Woods</i> • <i>Greenville Church Without Walls, Rev. Alfred Johnson</i> 	2:30-3:30pm
DINNER ON YOUR OWN		
Opening Worship	Mt. Carmel Worship Center	7:00pm
Conference Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Wayne G. Thompson <i>First Baptist Institutional Church, St. Petersburg, FL</i>	
Wednesday 30 April, 2025		
BREAKFAST AT MT. CARMEL	MALLWAY A	8:00am
Bible Study/Religious discussion Mt. Carmel Worship Center	Dr. Harold VanBroekhoven <i>Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA</i>	8:45 – 10:15am
ABCOTS Business Session Mt. Carmel Worship Center	The Reverend Dr. Wayne G. Thompson, President, ABCOTS <i>First Baptist Institutional Church, St. Petersburg, FL</i>	10:30am-12pm
PLENARY SPEAKERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jim Bell, Associate Executive Director for Global Mission, Chief Program Officer/IM</i> • <i>Faye Yarbrough, Global Servant/IM</i> 	12:15-12:40pm
DENOMINATIONAL LUNCHEON	MALLWAY A	12:45 – 1:55pm
<u>Empowering Conversations</u> Mt. Carmel Worship Center	Panel of ABCUSA Leaders (IM/ABHMS/ABWM/ABM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AB Foundation – R. Martel Barlow</i> • <i>MMBB – Charles Watson, Jr.</i> 	2 – 4pm

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

<i>Wednesday Evening Worship</i>	Mt. Carmel Worship Center	7:00pm
<i>Conference Preacher</i>	The Reverend Dr. Benjamin Boswell <i>Collective Liberation, Charlotte, NC</i>	
<i>Thursday 1 May 2025</i>		
BREAKFAST AT MT. CARMEL	MALLWAY A	8:00am
Bible Study/Religious discussion Mt. Carmel Worship Center	Dr. Harold VanBroekhoven <i>Friendship Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA</i>	8:45 – 10:15am
<u>Empowering Conversations</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ABCOTS Connect....</i>• <i>JLL Real Estate Services</i>• <i>Alfred Fletcher – Region Ministries</i>• <i>Center for Development and Ministry</i>	10:30 – 11:50am
SPEAKER	The Reverend Dr. Casey R. Kimbrough <i>Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC</i>	12:00-12:20pm
<i>FAMILY REUNION LUNCHEON</i>	MALLWAY A	12:30 - 1:50pm
<i>TENTATIVE: Individual AREA Business & Planning Meetings</i> Room 236; 239; 240; 264	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Maryland; Washington DC2) Virginia3) North Carolina; South Carolina; Georgia4) Florida5) Louisiana; Texas; Oklahoma6) Tennessee; Alabama; Mississippi7) Brackett-Morrell Baptist Association Eastern West Virginia; Western Virginia	2-3:30pm