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# BEREAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*Building Healthy Churches*

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September 21, 2023

To Our Christian Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray that this communication finds you, your family, and congregation flourishing in the grace of God. Let me begin by saying “THANK YOU” for your generous and faithful support of the work and witness of our great association. It is my distinct privilege and honor to greet you on behalf of our celebrated association as we prepare to observe our 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session. Over the past few years, our churches and our association have created new methods of meeting and re-imagined ministry despite the challenges we have faced.

I am extending a call to ALL Pastors, Church Leaders, and Members who are a part of our Association to take part in our 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bethlehem Baptist Church. This is a clarion call to action for every pastor and congregation. The theme of our annual session is “*Expect Greater!*” knowing that if we believe, God has blessings in store for our congregations and our association that are beyond our comprehension. Again, I am asking the Pastors, Leaders, and Parishioners of our great association to be present for what I believe will be a transformational gathering.

Pastors and leaders are also asked to have their church’s messengers (delegates) present and ready to conduct association business on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. During this annual session, we will present our association budget and prepare for the 2024 election of association officers. It is of great importance that each church has their five (5) allotted voting delegates present during our business session.

Additionally, I am soliciting your financial support. Throughout our 123-year history, our association has sought to strengthen our community by empowering churches. We can only continue to accomplish our mission with the generous support of our constituents. For this reason, I am asking that you contribute a \$200 church registration that will include all delegates, and that you support our Scholarship Fund so that we may continue to demonstrate generosity toward the next generation seeking higher education. I am also requesting that each church give a sacrificial offering of \$100, and each individual give a sacrificial offering of \$40. Your generosity will help to ensure our association remains a viable partner and a force for good in our community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Dr. Bernice Early at 912.232.5865. I thank you in advance for your continued support of our association, as we endeavor to do kingdom work to the glory of God!

Blessings,



Pastor Andre J. Osborne  
Moderator