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# April Newsletter

Consolidated Baptist District



## He has Risen

### Happy Easter to All!

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4



"LIVING A SPIRITUAL LEGACY"  
PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH

Consolidated Baptist District  
Women's Auxiliary

CBDWA  
WOMEN  
IN WORSHIP

5/1/2026  
7:00pm

DEFEND THE WEAK  
PSALM 92:3  
& THE FATHERLESS



**First African Baptist Church**  
465 Price Rd, Lexington, KY 40508  
Preached Word - Rev. Dr. Nathl Moore  
\$50.00 Church Registration  
Sis. Vonita Bennett-CBDWA President  
Rev. Reginald Davis - CBDA Moderator

ANNUAL CBDWA  
*Women's Retreat*

LIVING A SPIRITUAL LEGACY:  
WOMEN PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH

Come Celebrate Juneteenth  
with your Sisters in Christ!

FEATURED SPEAKERS

 KEYNOTE: MICEAN JOHNIKIN	 LUTERIA SMITH FITNESS & HEALTH	 BEVERLY BOWENS FINANCE	 ANNA ALLEN-EDWARDS
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June 18 - 20, 2026  
The Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center  
Pigeon Forge, TN

For more information visit us  
[www.CBDEC.org](http://www.CBDEC.org)

*Presidential Pen*



Greetings Sisters,

This April, we celebrate Resurrection Sunday as it reminds us that a lot can happen in 3 days from the crucifixion to the Resurrection. It serves as a reminder that there is hope even in desperate times. May you know and share the joy of Jesus as we celebrate. Happy Easter to you all.

Notice my cowboy hat along with my boots on the ground heading towards Pigeon Forge to celebrate Jesus and

Juneteenth at the Annual Women's Retreat. You still have time to register but deadlines are quickly approaching at the end of this month. We mourn the loss of 2 iconic former presidents, Sister Valinda Livingston and Sister Ollie Raglin who were ardent supporters of the Women's Retreat and all things of the CBDWA. CBDWA honors their legacy by continuing our work to assist women in their spiritual growth. Women In Worship held at First African on May 1<sup>st</sup> is another opportunity to fellowship and give God glory. Come support the Psalm 82:3 Mission efforts to advocate for justice and protection of the vulnerable.

In closing, we thank Rev. Marvin King and Shiloh for hosting our Annual Health Fair. It was an outstanding experience for all! We appreciate all vendors, participants and planning committee.

Passing the baton, *Vonita*

**Fashion Show Scenes**

- \* After Five Wear
- \* Church Wear
- \* Casual Wear
- \* Juneteenth Wear

**MODELS & GREETERS**

**NEEDED**

**Call Sis. Jones 859-489-7181**

**RETREAT**

**REGISTER NOW!!!  
DEADLINES!!!**

**REGISTER BY 4/30**

non-refund deposit secures swag  
Online at [www.cbdec.org](http://www.cbdec.org)  
Mail: CBDWA, POB 12901,  
Lexington KY 40583

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

***Room reserved by 4/30***

Hotel will release room block  
(Register or Release ! - 17 rooms reserved w/o Retreat registration)

**BUS TRANSPORTATION**

***The Bus is Full***

Thursday 6/18/26 Pick up  
NKY at NSMBC 8:30am  
Lex Walmart New Circle 11am  
(Wait list: Call 859-351-2244)

**Vendor Opportunities Available**

Sister Elma Zachary  
[Elma.Zachary81@gmail.com](mailto:Elma.Zachary81@gmail.com)  
Call 936-676-7139

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*Women's Retreat*

**LIVING A SPIRITUAL LEGACY:  
WOMEN PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH**

**JUNE 18-20, 2026**  
The Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center  
Pigeon Forge, TN

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with your Sisters in Christ!*

**RETREAT EXPERIENCE**

**Registration: \$200**

Your retreat includes:

- Dynamic Keynote Speaker
- 3 Spirit-Filled Workshops
- Retreat Swag & Theme T-Shirt
- Thursday Night Game Night & Hors d'oeuvres
- Juneteenth Banquet & Fashion Show
- Saturday Buffet Luncheon

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- Church Contact Ladies
- CBDEC Institutes
- CBDWA Board Members
- Online: [www.cbdec.org](http://www.cbdec.org)
- Mail: CBDWA  
POB 12901 • Lexington, KY 40583

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

The Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center  
3230 Parkway • Pigeon Forge, TN  
**865-428-2700**

Group Code: CBDWA20

- 2 Nights (Thurs - Sat)
- 1 person — \$403.99
- 2 persons — \$202 each
- 4 persons — \$101 each

♦ Grab a roommate - Cut the cost!

*Hosted by*  
**Consolidated Baptist District  
Women's Association**  
*Vonita Bennett | Rev. Reginald Davis*

## CBDWA Keynote Speaker Dr. Micean Johnikin



### MICEAN J. JOHNIKIN

M.D., M.S.

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#### *Biography:*

Micean Johnikin is a native of Lexington, KY. She is a pediatric cardiologist, Founder and CEO of Hearts Matter L.L.C. based here in Lexington. Dr. Johnikin is an alumna of Tuskegee University with a Master of Science in Epidemiology from Stanford University. She graduated from Howard University College of Medicine. Dr. Johnikin completed medical training in Pediatrics at Children's National Medical Center and in Pediatric Cardiology from Washington University – St. Louis and Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Johnikin's clinical interests include emergency cardiac care and international health, completing field work in Mali, Swaziland, Eritrea, Rio de Janeiro and the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Johnikin is a public health advocate, teaching American Heart Association community CPR classes throughout central Kentucky. She coordinates multiple community initiatives targeting racial disparities in heart health, vaccination awareness and blood donation. Dr. Johnikin also serves as a Christian motivational speaker, conducting seminars throughout Kentucky. She is a proud member of the Lexington (KY) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In her free time, Dr. Johnikin enjoys reading, aerobic boxing, weightlifting and distance running.

Dr. Johnikin is a devout Woman of Faith and places Christ first in her life. A breast cancer survivor since 2016, Dr. Johnikin ardently believes the words found in Romans 8:28, "All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord". She credits both of her grandmothers, Doris Jackson Will and Lizzie Mae Rivers Johnikin, as role models for being a strong Christian woman. Committed, compassionate and Christ – centered, Dr. Micean Johnikin aims to reflect the love and healing powers of Christ in both her career and her character.

## CBDWA FORMER PRESIDENTS



**SISTER OLLIE RAGLIN**  
August 23, 1942 – March 20, 2026  
Founder: CBDWA Prayer Breakfast  
And Nurses Guild

*Honoring your legacy  
Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure*



*Forever In  
Our Hearts  
CBDWA*



**SIS. VALINDA LIVINGSTON**  
January 1, 1937 – March 4, 2026  
Founder: CBDWA Women's Retreat



### RETREAT FACILITATORS

Passing the baton of faith  
*In Fitness & Health*

**LUTHERIA SMITH**



Passing the baton of faith  
*In Family*

**ANNA ALLEN-EDWARDS**



Passing the baton of faith  
*In Finances*

**BEVERLY BOWENS**

From Generation to Generation  
Psalm 145:4

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Update your registration  
Confirm your information  
Visit [www.GoVote.Ky.Gov](http://www.GoVote.Ky.Gov)

Registration Deadline
April 20, 2026 4:00 p.m.
Primary Election
May 19, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request
Review Your Registration or Absentee Ballot Status
New/Update Registration
Military & Overseas Voters
"Early Voting" & Election Day Locations
KY Needs Poll Workers!
Candidate Filings
Sample Ballot
Election Results
Key Information

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ April 5 - Resurrection Sunday
- ◆ April 11-12 Rev. Michael Zachary 10th Anniversary Celebration
- ◆ April 14-16 Bethsaida Spring Revival
- ◆ April 24-26 -Rev. L. Rodney Bennett Installation Services, First Baptist, Paris
- ◆ May 1 - CBDWA Women in Worship, First African Baptist Church
- ◆ June 18-20 - CBDWA Women's Retreat, Pigeon Forge TN
- ◆ July 11 - CBDWA Prayer Breakfast, Ninth Street Baptist
- ◆ July 13-16 - CBDWA Annual Session

**BETHSAIDA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SPRING REVIVAL 2026**  
*3 Nights of Power, Praise & Worship*  
"TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO CHRISTLIKENESS"



Pastor Henry McMullen Tuesday  
 Pastor Rodney Bennett Wednesday  
 Pastor Terry Lewis Thursday

**APRIL 14-16, 2026**  
7:00 PM Nightly  
3700 Old Bates Creek Rd.  
Lexington, KY 40517

*You Are Invited - Come Expecting Transformation!*



**Pastor L. Rodney Bennett**  
*Installation*



**April 24, 2026 Banquet**      **April 26, 2026 Services**

Love Gifts: SLRB4Christ

  
 Rev. Dr. Michael Rice  
GABKY Moderator

  
 Rev. Dr. Bishop Carter  
Pastor Emeritus, Bethsaida Baptist

  
 Rev. Roi Johnson  
Omega Psi Phi Grand Chaplain

Theme "It's All About Jesus"

*Celebration Banquet*  
Friday, April 24th 6:30pm  
THE OASIS RECEPTION VENUE  
610 Main Street, Paris KY  
Tickets - \$30  
RSVP TO: 859-707-6848 (by April 13)

*Sunday Service*  
April 26 · 11am ÷ 1pm  
FBC Paris, 128 W. 8th St., Paris KY  
11:00am Morning Worship  
3:30pm Installation Service

Rev. Dr. Michael Zachary, Sr.  
First Lady~Sis. Elma Zachary  
First Family~Michael, Anaiya, Malaya, AJ

*10th Year Anniversary*



**Saturday April 11, 12:30**  
Colors: Blue, Black, Silver  
(Traditional 10 Year Anniversary Colors)  
Lunch at Malones-Event Center  
3347 Bates Creek Road 40502



Saturday April 11  
Oakwood Shelter 6:30 p.m.  
1050 Briarwood Dr. Lexington, KY 40511  
Come dressed in your best 70's attire!!  
We will also have a Karaoke Contest!!  
Who will be the winner?

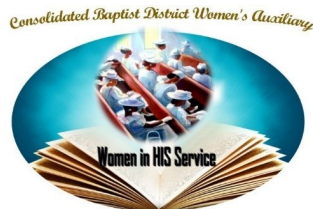


Sunday April 12  
Colors: Coral, Khaki, Ivory  
Morning Service-Centerville MBC11 a.m.  
Guest Preacher Rev. Matthew Smyzer  
Beargrass MBC Louisville, KY



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Consolidated Baptist District Women's Auxiliary  
 Officers 2025-2026

President	Vonita Bennett	First Baptist Church, Paris
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Linda Gates	Historic First Baptist, Camp Nelson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Demita Stevenson	Macedonia Baptist, Cynthiana
Treasurer	Paula Hardin	Macedonia Baptist, Keene
Financial Secretary	Augusta Mason	First Baptist Church, Nicholasville
Recording Secretary	Maria Weathers	Greater First Baptist, Sharpsburg
Corr. Secretary	Sherry Jackson	Bethsaida Baptist Church
Social Engagement	Elma Zachary	Centerville Baptist Church
Archivist	Priscilla Lewis	Washington Miss. Baptist Church
Health Coordinator	Monica Tucker	Shiloh Baptist Church
Worship Leader	Isabelle Mack Thompson	Centerville Baptist Church

Executive Board Members

Joan Bolton	First African Baptist Church
Vedra Douthitt	Evergreen Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling
Lisa Jones	Bethsaida Baptist Church
Stephanie Taylor (AFS)	Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

President's Council

Anna Allen-Edwards	Shiloh Baptist Church
Valerie Marshall	Historic Pleasant Green Baptist Church
Tara Crumie	Previously Zion Baptist Church
Hazel Compton	Jabez Baptist Church
Brenda Carter	Bethsaida Baptist Church
Pamela Thompson	Historic Pleasant Green Baptist Church
Elaine Farris	Bracktown Baptist Church
Roszalyn Akins	Bracktown Baptist Church
Valinda Livingston	Shiloh Baptist Church
Delma Peoples	Historic Pleasant Green Baptist Church
Ollie Ragland	First Baptist Church - Stanford

# April Health Note

