



# THE MESSAGE



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## 2017 Congress of Christian Education



July 9-14 delegates from across the seven county district of First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. convened in Madison at Shiloh for the 85th Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education. The Congress of Christian Education is the educational arm of the First Bethlehem MB Association, Inc.

The Annual Session is held every year the week following the second Sunday in July. The location shifts throughout the First Bethlehem District. Each Congress includes morning and evening sessions. This year's morning classes were Strategies for Success (9th-12), Children Learning to Pray (K-2nd), Social Etiquette & Manners (6th -12th) and Children at Worship (3rd-5th). The morning session also included an adult class, Teaching Discipline to Our

Children at Home and Church. The morning session wrapped up with Power Hour. This year our guest for Power Hour was Bro. Kevin Warren of Tallahassee. Bro. Warren is the founder and CEO of L.I.F.E. in which he travels the country empowering young folk to live life.

The evening session classes were Christian Stewardship, Women of the Bible, Ministry of Music in the Black Church, Christian Education Today, and Mission of the 21st Century Church. Evening sessions concluded with nightly worship.

This year the COCE recognized six of it's youth from across the district as Academically Astute. They were Ms. Katelyn Reddick (Bethel), Mr. Da'mone Colson (Greater Mt. Pleasant), Mr. Zarrion Robinson (*Shiloh*), Ms. Rachel Shaw (New Mt. Zion), Ms. Kennedy Davis (Greater Mt. Pleasant) and Ms. Makeela Hawkins (*Shiloh*).

The 2018 Congress of Christian Education will be hosted by Greater Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church (Tallahassee) and Pastor Alfred Colson.

Mr. Kevin Warren speaking to the youth delegates during Power Hour.



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### Special points of interest:

- School starts Aug. 10th!
- Family Night, 9/18 @ 6p
- Continue to pray for our members and friends.
- Please Join us on Wednesday Nights @ 6p for Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

## Note From the Pastor



Blessings brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that as this

newsletter finds you , you are still rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. My faithful friends we are in

August and the year is halfway over. You still have time to get it together and make it the best year of your life (until the next of course). It's important for us to take a lesson from the life of David. Even though David was the smallest and youngest of his brothers he was able to defeat a

mighty giant. This goes to show us that it's not the person we are or even the things we have that makes us overcomers, but its who we know. That person is none other than Jesus Christ. Get the relationship! Be an overcomer!

*Pastor Marcus Hawkins, Sr.*



# Community Cleanup



The Madison County High School Cowboy Football team took an hour out of their annual camp to come and help Shiloh conduct its annual neighborhood cleanup. The Cowboys showed up in force and walked through the streets of Shiloh's community picking up trash from beside the road. The Cowboys also helped to clear old furniture and appliances that were in yards. Shiloh would like to thank Coach Coe and his coaching staff for making these young men available to give back to their community.

## Shiloh M.B. Church - Pressing Towards the Mark (Phil. 3:13-14)

### Be Considerate by George Young

<https://today.reframemedia.com/devotionals/be-considerate>

*In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

—Matthew 7:12

Being around considerate people is nice. They seem to know what you're going through, and they gently offer help and comfort to make your path easier. They see how tired you are, and they offer a meal and some rest, even putting a blanket over you so you won't get chilly as you lie down to rest.

Is it that they're not just thinking about themselves all the time? Not exactly. They know what would make them rest comfortably, so they do it to you! As Jesus commanded, they do to others what they would like done to themselves.

Paul describes another example: "Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church" (Ephesians 5:28-29).

But let's not get Jesus and Paul wrong. They're not telling us to be considerate just because it benefits us. We are called to love others without conditions, with no strings attached. If we stop being considerate to someone because they aren't considerate in return, our motives probably are selfish.

In a world of selfishness, being truly considerate is a breath of fresh air. It warms the heart and ties us together in love.