Celebrate Herstory

R.H. Boyd salutes the many, many women who, whether by design, intention, or accident, served as pioneers in various fields of endeavor and paved the way for other women to strive for greater heights.

Congress 2019 Registration Open Now!

"Fellowship with Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:4–9)

Charlotte, North Carolina • June 9–14 • Sheraton Charlotte Downtown Hotel

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

This year’s Congress, held at the Sheraton Downtown Charlotte, will feature opportunities for church leaders and laypersons. During our recent visit to Charlotte, we were encouraged by the pastors and leaders who attended the breakfast held at the host church, St. Paul Baptist Church. Each of the pastors in attendance committed to attending the 113th Congress as well as bringing members of their congregations.

This year’s Congress theme is “Fellowship with Christ,” which is based on 1 Corinthians 4:1–9. The host pastor, Dr. Robert C. Scott, is an esteemed member of the Charlotte community, and the host church has a history of impactful ministry service in the Queen City. Dr. Scott and the host committee are working vigorously and enthusiastically with the R.H. Boyd staff to offer an epic Christian education training event for ministry and service in the name of the Lord.

There are many special features at this year’s Congress, including the second annual Lunch and Learn, the fifth annual Women of Wisdom Luncheon and the First Lady’s Fashion Show will be combined for a spectacular time of inspirational messages and fashion enjoyment. Individual tickets are $35 with Congress registration or $50 without.

Praise and Laughs will again be a fulfilling evening of entertainment. Our second annual Faith Leader’s Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 11, following the NMBCA summer meeting. We are very excited to have Rev. Bryan Carter as our keynote speaker this year. The luncheon is an opportunity for pastors and leaders to fellowship during this exchange of ideas and information.

This year’s Late Night Services will feature a panel of dynamic and inspiring preachers who are well regarded in the Charlotte area.

We welcome vendors to our annual session, and the deadline to register is June 10. Please note there will be no on-site registration for vendors or large groups. All vendors should plan to attend the orientation to obtain vital information regarding the week of Congress.

For more information on Congress events, updates, or to download various forms, please visit our website at www.nationalbaptistcongress.org.

Onward,

LaDonna Boyd
President/CEOAUXTOWN GILKES note that in addition to the injustices in church and community in African-American churches, Women’s Day is a challenge that the Convention accepts and supports.

In their article, “Something Within,” Jualyn E. Dodson and Cheryl Townsend Gilkes note that in addition to “raising money for foreign missions, Women’s Day was intended to raise the women themselves, train- ing them for public speaking and in- formed leadership through authentic, prepared, challenging speeches—mu- sic and techniques on how to get, will- ingly, larger contributions for foreign missions.”

The observance of Women’s Day is as important today as it was in 1906 as women continue to claim their voices in a cultural and religious mi- dland that is still learning to value women as proclaimers of the Gospel and co-workers in the ongoing minis- try of the church.

Since its initiation in 1906, Women’s Day has become one of the most important and lucrative days of the church. Though most prevalent in African-American churches, Women’s Day has gained popularity in other ethnic and cultural religious communi- ties. Women’s Day remains a major fundraising day in many congregations, though its primary focus upon foreign missions has diminished or expanded to include other concerns.

As suggested in the 2009 Lection- ary Cultural Resource, Women’s Day offerings have “insured the financial stability of many churches, support- ed missions to Africa and other coun- tries, as well as provided financial support for pastors and delegates to denominational meetings and con- vergations.” Women’s Day offerings have similarly supported denomina- tional colleges through scholarships and direct contributions.

Perhaps the most significant impact of Women’s Day is that it continues to afford women an opportunity to plan worship and proclaim the Gospel as speakers and preachers, as well as ad- dress the unique joys, struggles and concerns evident in the lives of wom- en in our worship communities and in the large society in which we live. Of particular note is the attention given to the experiences of biblical women in many Women’s Day sermons, invit- ing women and their worship com- munities to value women’s contribu- tions to religious life and acknowledge the injustices in church and community against which women continue to struggle. Women have accomplished much in religious life since 1906, yet there is much work to be done.
The 113th National Baptist Congress (NBC) will be June 9–14, 2019 in Charlotte, NC, at the Sheraton Charlotte Downtown Hotel. St. Paul Baptist Church is the host for this year’s event. The 2019 Congress will feature an outstanding list of keynote speakers, lecturers, instructors and guest artists.

On Wednesday, June 12, the Congress officially opens with the annual March for Jesus Parade. Immediately afterward, the opening session begins, and will include a State of the Congress address from Ms. LaDonna Boyd, president and CEO of both the Congress and its sponsoring institution—the R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation. Under her leadership, the Congress has expanded to include Lunch and Learn, Praise and Laughs, and Women of Wisdom.

The opening session will include an inspirational message from Dr. Robert Scott, host pastor and senior minister at St. Paul Baptist Church.

Pastor Scott was called by unanimous vote of the congregation, and was installed as St. Paul’s sixth senior pastor in April 2017. He graduated with honors from Jackson State University, and received his Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School. He earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, graduating with high distinction.

Dr. Scott is an officer of the Hampton University Ministers’ Conference, and is on United Seminary’s board of trustees, where he was named outstanding alumnus of the year in 2018. Dr. Scott and his wife, Pier Charisse Scott, have one daughter, Charis.

The Thursday morning session message will be delivered by Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., and president of Simmons College of Kentucky, the nation’s 107th HBCU. St. Stephen is the largest African-American congregation in Kentucky. Dr. Cosby and his wife, Barnetta, have two adult children.

Rev. Bryan Carter is the keynote speaker for the 2019 Faith Leaders Luncheon on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m. Respectfully described as a “difference maker,” Rev. Carter serves as a co-presenter/developer for 33 The Series, a curriculum on authentic manhood published by Lifeway Christian Resources, and as a presenter for “The Art of Marriage” curriculum published by Family Life Ministries. He hosts the E.K. Bailey Expository Preaching Conference annually. Rev. Carter regularly appears at conferences, workshops, leadership events and worship services throughout the country as well as internationally.

Rev. Carter is heavily involved in the communities that surround Concord as well as the city of Dallas.

This year’s training event will feature traditional Congress events, as well as a host of activities for children, youth and adults. Central components of the Congress include seminars and workshops, and expansion of drills, games, and mime ministry.

The keynote speakers for Sunday June 9 and Thursday June 13 will be announced in the April edition of the Union Review, along with information on the entire speaker and artist line-up for this year.

Congress classes are taught by a highly credentialed faculty, where more than 90 percent of its members have graduate degrees in their respective fields of study. Furthermore, each faculty member is required to attend a faculty workshop on the Monday (June 10) before the Congress session begins to receive further training and provide teaching plans and syllabi. This orientation session also provides opportunities to update faculty concerning teaching methodology and any changes in Congress programming.

Beyond the scheduled Congress events, the city of Charlotte offers visitors much to see and do.

The Hemorrhaging Woman Persevered in Faith to Gain Wholeness

By Rev. Olivia M. Cloud

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The unnamed woman was likely anemic, sick, and tired—physically and emotionally. She probably had an unpleasant order. She was broke, having spent all of her recourses looking for healing, yet to no avail. After a decade of hemorrhaging blood, losing blood, by now, she was not only sick and tired, she was sick and tired of being sick and tired. She was tired of feeling bad…tired of spending her money on doctors and medicine…tired of being an outcast from her community. Likely thinking she had nothing to lose, the woman put it all on the line that day. She persisted in her quest for healing and reached out to Jesus in faith.

Within the context of this article, let’s call her Peristina, because she gives us a powerful example of how women of faith must persist, especially when the odds appear stacked against us.

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The woman was sick for twelve years. Yet, she must never have given up on the possibility of healing. Surely there were days and nights when she asked God, “How long?” She must have wrestled with every possibility, just as Jacob wrestled with the angel as he sought a blessing.

This woman exhausted all her resources trying to get healed. Doctors couldn’t help her. She kept going to them until she was broke. Instead of getting better, she only grew worse. Still, she kept on. And because she refused to give up, she was healed.

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Host Church Sponsors Breakfast for Area Pastors

During a pre-Congress visit to Charlotte to the meet with the 2019 Host Committee, St. Paul Baptist Church hosted a breakfast for pastors from churches in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg County, NC area and parts of South Carolina. The breakfast was an opportunity for R.H. Boyd staff, Host Committee members, Congress workers and pastors to get to know each other as the final planning for the national event takes place. All of the pastors left the breakfast committed to attending the 113th Congress and encouraging their congregation members to register. R.H. Boyd staff members in attendance conducted a walk-through visit with the Host Committee and visiting pastors.

Vendor Fees and Schedule

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$395 – Regular Rate for 10 x 10’ Booth (May 16–June 10)

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All vendors are required to attend the Vendor Orientation that will be held on Monday, June 10, from 11:00 a.m.–noon. Setup will follow immediately.

Save 20% if you register by May 15!
Visit www.nationalbaptistcongress.org and use coupon code: CHARLOTTE

CONGRESS 2019 FEES AND REGISTRATION

Registration Open Now (Register in groups of 10 or more by June 8, for discount)

- ADULTS: $125 per person (early online registration). $150 per person after June 8. Group/church registrations of ten or more, $120 per person. (Group registrations must be submitted together for discount to apply.)
- YOUTH/CHILDREN (AGES 1-17): $80 per youth (early online registration). $90 per youth after June 8. Group/church registrations of 10 or more, $75 per youth. (Group registrations must be submitted together for discount to apply.)
- DRILL/DANCE TEAMS (Must have at least five team member participants to compete): $30 per member (early online registration). $40 per member (after June 8). All teams must register by June 8.
- PRAISE AND LAUGHS GOSPEL SHOW Adult: $35 (registered Congress guests/$50 non-registered guests) discounted ticket price available until June 8 for Congress registrants. After June 8, regular ticket price applies. Youth: $20/$30 (discounted ticket price available until June 8 for Congress registrants. After June 8, regular ticket price applies).
- WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) LUNCHEON: $35 with Congress registration; $50 without registration.
- FAITH LEADERS LUNCHEON: $35 with Congress registration; $50 without registration.

NOTE: Registration materials will be mailed to registration address given. Materials for registrations received after May 17 will be distributed on-site. Early discounts are for online registrations only. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Congress website: www.nationalbaptistcongress.org.

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You don’t want to miss out on this unique opportunity to showcase your best products and services to hundreds of Congress attendees! Clothing and accessory vendors can also have their products modeled during the First Lady’s Fashion Show.

Vendor Orientation
Monday, June 10, 2019 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Vendor Set-up
Monday, June 10, 2019 12:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Vendor Sale Dates/Times
Tuesday, June 10 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Wednesday–Thursday, June 12–14 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
Friday, June 14 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Vendor Dismantling
Friday, June 14 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

For more information, email us at congress@rhboyd.com, or visit the Congress website: www.nationalbaptistcongress.org.
Worshiping God with Dance
Congress Teaches Ministry Through Liturgical Movement

Dr. Pamela Hardy
Congress Dance Ministry Coordinator

The time is almost here for us to gather again! The National Baptist Congress, “A School of Methods for Christian Training,” has always endeavored to uphold the highest level of value and integrity in Christian ministry. The Congress has always been on the cutting edge, leading the way and setting examples for the community to follow. For that reason, the ministry of dance has become an integral part of the Congress.

For two decades, I have been honored to serve as the dance ministry coordinator. In that time, I have embraced the Congress’ mission to elevate this ministry to a higher level. Therefore, I will continue to do all that I can to serve in the spirit of excellence and facilitate the ongoing vision of the Congress in order to make this the most purposeful and meaningful experience possible.

The ministry of dance continues to emerge and evolve in our churches. We must realize that we are not just dancers. We are ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I believe that it is our responsibility to know all we can about the ministry to which God has called us so that we may render our best service. To know that we are part of something that is so much bigger than we are is exciting. As we go back to our churches, the anointing we have received during our time together at the Congress will bestow a new anointing upon those God sends us to minister to.

This year, we will have an excellent staff of instructors who will bring years of wisdom and experience as well as new insight to the dance ministry. We as a team are excited about the overall direction of the educational aspect of what we will be bringing to the ministry during the Congress. Let us all endeavor to learn and to grow in our gifts and callings for the sake of the Kingdom.

It is vitally important for all dance leaders to attend the faculty orientation. This will be a time of gathering important information for your group. Each group will be taught the same material appropriate for their ages. We are asking those of you who have several team members of different ages to encourage them to go to their respective classes. We will then all be together for a time of learning the choreography to be presented on the last night of the Congress.

We are also encouraging as many of you as possible to preregister as early as possible. Sign up to be a part of the choreography clinics. The clinics will be held Wednesday–Friday mornings.

Calling All Drill Teams to Attention
Let’s Get Ready for the 113th Congress in Charlotte, NC!

By Mr. Oscar Alexis, Congress Drill Team Coordinator

Greetings to all of our drill teams, and a special greeting to the teams that will be joining us for the first time during the 2019 National Baptist Congress, because the youth who participate in drill team ministries are our future.

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to express what a magnificent time we had last year at the 112th National Baptist Congress in Memphis, Tenn. We have an outstanding Congress, and our drill teams play such an important role in helping to maintain its greatness and vitality. I congratulate each team for a job well done, and I look forward to seeing everyone in the summer.

This year’s Congress will be held in Charlotte, N.C., on June 9–14. I ask that all drill teams take advantage of the online registration as on-site Drill and Dance Team registration will not be available. Also keep in mind that the Congress has reserved specific hotels for the drill and dance teams. The list is included in this edition of the Union Review. It is important that all teams take advantage of the hotels within the Congress housing block in order to receive certificates and trophies for their performances.

As a reminder, all teams, regardless of whether they are a senior or junior team, must have at least 10 members to make presentations before the judges. Teams with less than ten members will be scheduled to make presentations during the Clinics, which are designed to be a time of constructive learning. The purpose is to encourage, educate, and learn from each other. Let us all strive to be better and to learn all we can in order to bring all the glory to God alone. We have a limited amount of time for the clinics, so please get your groups registered early.

This is just a brief overview of the many things to look forward to this year. Please come with an expectant heart, ready to receive from the heart of God. This will be a time of increased vision. God wants to equip you and release you into your destiny and purpose like never before. What an exciting time to come to the Congress. God is on the move! You have been chosen to be a part of the Kingdom of God for such a time as this!
Congress Course Lineup for 2019*

Sessions Offer Diverse Opportunities for Learning and Fellowship

*Congress Courses Subject to Change

SEMINAR 1: Foundation for Ministry

This seminar examines the foundation upon which one structures personal ministry. It analyzes calling, ministry gifts, biblical outlook, concept of God, vocabulary, and theological. It examines the necessity of the practical ministry. The seminar proposes to enable students to establish a strong foundation upon which to build their ministry and assist students in understanding the various ways God calls to ministry and His purpose for doing so.

SEMINAR 2: Tools for Biblical Languages

This seminar introduces students to the basic tools for using New Testament Greek as resource in preaching and teaching. Students will learn the Greek alphabet and introductory words from the Johannine literature. Word usage for the creation of illustrations will also be explored. These tools will enable students to understand various nuances of the biblical text and how to use them within the preaching and teaching contexts to grow and enliven understanding for the practice of ministry.

SEMINAR 3: Christian Women’s Ministry

This course examines the ministry of women in the church. It answers questions about what women’s ministry is and how programs can be developed to establish a unified effort to motivate and articulate the message of God to this special group of Christian servants. It also examines the biblical foundation and models for a successful women’s ministry. A variety of biblical women and their contributions to ministry are analyzed for contemporary ministry models. The spiritual needs of women are also explored and discussed as a way to relate to this very pivotal group of Christians.

BS1015B—Analysis of the Old Testament

This course is a survey examination of the New Testament books of the Bible. The Gospel accounts, Acts, and the Epistles are examined for their historical and theological perspectives. This study also includes dates of composition, authorship, purpose, audience, and exploration of the major themes of each book and their relationship to the New Testament and the Bible as a whole.

PSG1090B—Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

This course provides an examination of spiritual gifts and how the Christian can discover and use them in ministry and life. Students gain a foundation to develop their individual ministries in relation to the church and the areas of ministry appropriate for their gifﬁness.

PSG1600—Outreach Ministry: Personal Evangelism for Today’s Christian

This course presents a methodology of study of evangelism that teaches an unobtrusive and comfortable approach to daily evangelism. It examines techniques for evangelizing individual persons and small groups. It studies the establishment of a personal relationship with people as precursor to accepting Christ as Lord and Savior.

PSG1900—Christian Women

This course examines the various contributions Christian women make to the faith. It examines their values, strengths, weaknesses, and ability to mentor young women in their struggle to live for Jesus.

PSG1935—Marriage God’s Style

This course examines biblical marriage as instituted by God in Genesis 2—3, and supported by Jesus and the Apostle Paul.

CTM 2100—Teaching School-Aged Children (6-11)

The focus of this course is to provide a practical approach to teaching and communicating effectively with school-aged children. The course investigates the skill levels, capabilities, and limitations of 6-11 year olds and provides creative teaching methods for maximum comprehension in the classroom. Contemporary teaching/learning methods will be discussed, and lesson planning instruction.

CTM 2301—Adult Christian Life: Teaching Tools for Christian Education

The focus of this course is to provide a practical approach to teaching and communicating effectively with adults while investigating creative methods for instructing adults. Contemporary teaching/learning methods will be discussed, and instruction will be given in lesson planning. The most up-to-date resources for focused teaching will be used and encouraged.

MEC2500—Women’s Missionary Auxiliary Department #1

This course provides training for women in Christian missionary auxiliary work. Geared toward women in all life stations and situations this course facilitates women’s ministry from a benevolent perspective. It helps women to develop support groups that can be oriented to helping the church achieve its overall ministry program goals.

MEC2503—Christian Brotherhood

This course provides training for Christian men in missionary work. This course shows Christian men how to unite to facilitate ministry in the church and the community. It examines the brotherhood as a Christian fellowship of men working together to support the variety of ministries in the church. It also addresses issues related to what it means to be a man, a husband, a father, and a disciple of Jesus Christ.

SM3000—Music, Liturgy, and Worship

This course examines the importance of music and liturgy in worship. It demonstrates how to plan a worship service that incorporates thematic music and liturgy for Christian worship services and other programs. Designed for music ministers. It also shows worship leaders and ministers of music how to work within the framework of the pastoral and other ministries to foster programs of worship that teach and nourish congregations in their desire to glorify God.

SM3001—The Excellent Choir Member

This course examines the responsibilities of choir members and how their role is important to the ministry of the church on various levels. It examines choir etiquette and the choir ministry as a supporting wing of the church and pastoral ministries. Proper selection of songs that complement the sermon are also examined. Additional but limited time will be given to voice, hearing, and note training.

SM3100—The Dynamics of the Usher’s Ministry

This course is a study providing an examination of the critical roles and essential components of ushering. It covers signs, signals, church etiquette, and policy comprehension for ushers to properly carry out their responsibilities as hosts of the church. Proper seating instruction is also included in this course of study.

SM3200—Effective Church Nursing

This course is a study of ethical principles that will assist the Christian nurse in administering safe health practices to congregants while serving the local church, ministry groups, and large numbers of people. Nurses will be taught observation techniques as well as basic health techniques. Life saving techniques will also be taught.

SM3320—Pastoral Leadership and Care

This course is for both new and experienced pastors. It will provide an analysis of time management, stress, difﬁcult church members, church conﬂict, counseling, delegating authority, and responsibility. It will also examine pastoral care from the perspective of the church caring for its pastor.

SM3325—Hermeneutics for Dynamic Preaching

This course prepares students to uncover meaning of the biblical text for preaching and teaching. It examines culture, social structures, words, people, lifestyle, and language as resources for development of sermons and lesson plans. Students will learn methods to discover the jewels embedded in the text and how to provide the understanding of what the original writer intended for readers to know. Word usage will also be examined to uncover theological meaning related to the text in question.

SM3351—Spouses of Pastors and Ministers

This course is a study designed to give encouragement in the midst of the untoward expectations placed on the minister’s spouse and family. It provides ministry situations and case study analyses for ministry couples. It analyzes the role of the minister’s spouse and the congregation’s understanding and expectations of the first family.

SM3375—Single’s Ministry for Christian Adults

This course analyzes how single adults can praise and worship God in their work, play, and overall lifestyle environment, the realities of human sexuality, dating, and living together as an alternative to Christian marriage.

SM3400—Wanted: Servant-Minded Deacons

This course discusses the role of the deacon in a successful and fruitful partnership between pastor and congregation. It examines Acts 6:1–7, 1 Timothy 3:8–13, and other passages of Scripture to discover the role, function, and responsibilities of deacons. It also studies the deacon family ministry plan.

SM3501—The Ministry of the Deaconesses

This course is an overview of the role and spiritual development of the deaconess and church mother. It also examines their biblical foundation and historical development in the church. Biblical women such as Eunice, Lois, and Phoebe are examined.

SM3500—Modern Discipleship: Sunday School and Small Group Study

This course explores the growth and development of the Sunday school, how to develop a Sunday school for growth, how to move people into positions of leadership, and effective ways to train and equip leaders. It also examines how to use the Sunday school as a tool for evangelism and other church ministries.

SM3526—The Development of Contemporary Training for the Church (CTC) Ministry

This course provides a practical, strategic, step-by-step guide in developing a ministry training program for the local church. It helps leaders to focus on ministry and biblical training as a way to educate and inform church leaders and workers. It focuses on teaching Baptistic doctrine, policy, and practice.

SM3665—Leadership in Training: Engaging in Youth Ministry

This course examines ministry to youth ministry and provides training to those who seek to develop or engage in ministry to youth between ages 12-17 and young adults to age 25. It examines issues of leadership, biblical principles and application, activities, and methods of reaching and motivating youth.

SM3675—Faith and Finances

This course examines how faith impacts our ﬁnances, budgets, forecasts, and planning. It analyses Christian...
stewardship in terms of the use of our money and other tangible assets.

YC5020—Young Learners (Ages 6–8)

This course is an age-appropriate study focusing on God’s Word and its relevance in the life of middle elementary children today that will challenge them to apply and live God’s Word daily. It focuses on the central principle of Christian love as shown in the ministry of Jesus. Select Scripture passages that evaluate Jesus’ love for others will be examined as the context for teaching children about God’s love for them. John 3:16 is the underlining emphasis of the session along with John 14–16. Other Bible stories that emphasize Jesus’ love will also be examined.

YC5030—Adventurers with Jesus (Ages 9–11)

This course is an age-appropriate study focusing on God’s Word and its relevance in the life of older elementary children today that will challenge them to apply and live God’s Word daily. Specifically the focus of this week’s session will be on what it means to believe in Jesus. It will examine the areas of faith by analyzing passages of the Bible from both the Old and New Testaments. Select passages such as Moses before the Red Sea, Jesus in Jerusalem and Nazareth, the Transfiguration, and the faithful biblical heroes of Hebrews 11 will be studied.

YC5100—Seekers for Jesus (Ages 12–14)

Students will be given a book to read and evaluate considering popular issues while comparing and contrasting it with Christian principles and values found in the Bible.

YC5120—Teen Scene (Ages 15–17)

This course examines the faith cognitive development of older teenagers. It builds on the learning concepts introduced in the previous class.

YC5300—Oratorical Scholarship Competition: Techniques for Public Speaking

This is an in-depth study of techniques and methods used to enhance public speaking within the context of the church. This course is for contestants in the T. B. Boyd, Jr. Oratorical Contest. Contestants must be in the 11th or 12th grade. Students will learn the various types of speech (persuasive, informative, instructional, entertainment, and special occasion) as well as the parts of speech that will help them to develop solid composition for oral presentation. Selection of proper topics will also be studied.

YC5401A—Drill Team (Ages 12 and Younger)

This course teaches techniques and methods for Drill Team presentation. Must be enrolled in this class to compete. It integrates military maneuvers with Scripture verses and Christian hymns as a way to increase Bible knowledge and understanding and to enliven the experience of worship for children.

YC5401B—Drill Team (Ages 13 and Older)

This course teaches techniques and methods for Drill Team presentation. Must be enrolled in this class to compete. It integrates military style commands and movements with Scripture verses, hymns, and other aspects of Christian worship that lead to a greater understanding of the Bible.

YC5501A—Religious Dance for Youth (Ages 5–11)

This is a three-part course that examines dance theory, the historical and foundational elements of religious dance for youth, and techniques of dance techniques for adults. It teaches students to appreciate a variety of worship art forms. This class is an in-depth study of mime and historical foundations of religious dance for youth, and principles and techniques of dance for adults. It teaches students to appreciate a variety of worship art forms. This group learns the broader implication of what it means to praise and worship God in the Christian context.

YC5502—Religious Mime

This class teaches the techniques of mime for individuals and groups who wish to use this creative art form in worship and ministry. It examines the biblical bases for mime and helps students to develop authentic methods of spiritual expression to praise God within the context of worship.

YCA5904—Choir

This course is a music ministry for young people. It teaches children and youth basic music and voice usage for Christian worship. Children are given instruction on singing in parts, harmony, and development of their vocal cords. They also learn worship discipline.

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fulfillment. Prayer sets the faith journey in motion. That’s the reason that people sometimes say, “Be careful what you pray for; you just might get it.” We don’t know why it takes God so long to act or why sometimes God doesn’t act at all. In the Bible, the number twelve often represents completeness. Perhaps the twelve years of bleeding symbolized the completion of Persistina’s faith journey. Her healing came when she had persevered to the degree that she had no more money. Perhaps this was a lesson she needed to learn as part of her faith journey. On our faith journey, it’s not enough just to get to the end, but to discover truths along the way.

She came to Jesus, as she was, “weary, worn, and sad.” Often, we come to Jesus as tattered remnants. This woman is a symbol of the multitudes who have heard of Jesus, and who have available to them the resources of healing and wholeness, but who come to Jesus as a last resort.

How long have you known about Jesus? Yet how many times have you tried to take care of a situation as if there is no Jesus? Sometimes we drag out our suffering by not coming to Jesus in the first place. Joseph Scriven described this phenomenon when he wrote, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

Belief

A good question to ponder is, Would the woman have believed if she still had money to spend on physicians? Why did she cast her all upon Christ? Perhaps she had to be stripped of her financial resources in order to get down to the bare essential — her faith. Desperation can increase our ability to believe in the power of Jesus to change our lives because we have nowhere else to place our faith.

Her disease had made her an outcast in the community. She was unclean and probably had no husband or family. No one wanted to associate with her. Nevertheless, she persisted and approached Jesus through the thick of the crowd.

After she identified herself to Him, Jesus told her that her faith had made her well. Jesus did not even say that His power had made her well. He did not deny power had left Him, but affirmed it was her faith that made her well.

Fortunately, the woman believed with her heart, not her head. The head says, “After twelve years it’s too late. Learn to live with it.” The head says there is no power in a garment. She didn’t have faith in Jesus’ clothes; however, her faith was in the Man who wore them — so much so that she believed touching His clothes was all that was necessary.

Like this nameless woman, we too must persist in faith, confess His power, and leave the manifestation to God. Consider the case of Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego or Daniel in the lion’s den. That is what makes living in faith difficult. Living your faith means living in the knowledge of God’s power and believing in that power, even if God doesn’t do what we want.

That’s the tough part! It is sometimes so very difficult for us to let go of our circumstances because we’re afraid that God’s gonna do something we’re not going to like. It’s hard for us to let go of control and simply trust that God is going to something better than we could ever imagine. That’s what happens when we try to use our intellect instead of our faith.

Act

Persistence leads to action, and touching Jesus’ garment was a bold act! She was an unclean woman and Jesus was a holy man. Because of her disease, Jewish law made her unclean, an outcast. But because she did not allow herself to be caged in fear, she was healed and made whole.

After she was healed, Jesus called her “daughter,” which signaled she had been returned to the family of God’s chosen. By uttering that single word, Jesus declared that she was no longer outcast.

Belief in Jesus Christ can and should make us bold, sometimes to the point of doing things that seem foolish. Human wisdom said it was foolish for an unclean woman to touch a man.

She acted on her faith, but she wanted to do so quietly and anonymously. But Jesus would not allow her to remain hidden. He called her out, perhaps because He wanted her to confess her faith. Perhaps He wanted her to eliminate any superstition about the hem of His garment and relate her healing to her faith. But by calling her forth, He was able to heal her and bring her back into wholeless in the community.

The woman came forward in fear and trembling. Faith is not the absence of fear or unbelief. It is acting in spite of these things. The woman persisted in spite of her fear. She had to act. She was only healed after she acted. Jesus was there all along, but if she hadn’t touched Him, she might never have been healed.

The Book of Hebrews tells us that, “faith is the substance of things hoped for…” (Hebrews 11:1). This means living in the hope of what we cannot see. We have not seen Christ, yet He is our Hope. We must live in that hope from day to day and call upon our faith as a daily exercise in persistent faith.