

## UBMC State-Wide Institute Registration Information

### “Restoring Disciples Through Teaching & Training”



*A Word from Our Convention President*

*Reverend Dr. Gregory R. Maddox*

It's time for the UBMC State-Wide Institute 2025! I, along with the institute staff and instructors, am delighted to have you join us to equip the saints through worship, instruction, and fellowship. We pray that your week will be filled with joy and anticipation as we gather upon this mountaintop of learning. May the blessings of God be upon each of you as we come together for opportunities for insightful learning, inspiring worship, and heartfelt praise to God.

*“RESTORE”*

*“Restoring our Convention, Renewing our Culture, and Returning our Community to Christ” Nehemiah 2:17-18, 20*

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*A Word from the State-Wide Dean*

*Sister Doreen Garrett*

*“This is the day The Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to gather in 2025 to feed on your word. The last in-person/hybrid Statewide Institute in March 2024 was illuminating. I thank God for allowing us all to gather, whether in person or virtual. God has a plan of restoration for us all. Thank you, Dr. Gregory R. Maddox, for supporting me as Dean of the UBMC State-Wide Institute 2025. Thank you to the State Director, Sister Ruby L. Cofield, Dr. Carter, and all the State-Wide Committee members for assisting in such a great endeavor this year. And a special “thanks” to my husband for all your love and support.

*“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.”  
Psalm 51:12*



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## Morning

10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

### Certified Courses

**1072 A Guide to New Testament** **Sister Margaree Long-Lee**  
Exploring a comprehensive overview of the divisions, time periods, locations, events, key figures, and archaeology of the New Testament sections of the Bible.

**1112 Journey Through Revelation** **Minister David Smith**  
This class will delve into the Book of Revelation, focusing on its authorship, historical context, major themes, and representation. It will also examine the role of the prophets, explore key symbols, and analyze interpretations of revelation.

### Morning Workshops

**W1 Gaining Financial Stability for What's Ahead!** **Dr. Derrick Dewitt**  
This class will provide valuable information about managing your financial obligations and important considerations as you age, with a focus on topics relevant to today's world.

**W2 Global Missions** **Dr. Pia Taylor Hybrid**  
This class will provide the rationale for Global Missions. Students will gain an understanding of the work of foreign missions inclusive of the NBCUSA, Inc., Lott Carey Foreign, and American Baptist Convention to name a few.

**W3 Women of the Bible** **Sister Paula Prioleau**  
Students will study biblical women in both the Old and New Testament and their contributions to the growth and development of the church; examine the unique roles of women from Genesis to Revelation, including women in the lineage of Jesus.

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## Evening

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Certified Courses

- 1001 An Insight into the Bible** **Sister Maxine Rush Hybrid**  
Present an overview of the 66 books of the Bible, exploring their origins, key events, historical periods, and significant figures that contributed to the Bible's development into its current form.
- 1016 Chronicles of the Bible** **Rev. Larin E. S. Walker Jr.**  
The historical books offer a comprehensive view of the Bible, presenting a chronological account of key events and highlighting significant figures. Students will explore the causes and effects of these events on the nation of Israel.
- 1079 Exploration of the Gospel of John** **Minister R. Renae Johnson**  
This study concentrates on the distinctiveness of the fourth gospel. It highlights the unique features that set John's Gospel apart from the Synoptic Gospels, focusing on John's writing style and the ministry of Jesus Christ.
- 1089 Insights into the Letter to the Romans** **Dr. Mildred Herring**  
Exploring key themes and significant issues addressed in Paul's doctrinal letter to Roman Christians, students will identify and understand the presence of each doctrine throughout the book.
- 1094 Exploration of the Book of Ephesians** **Minister Markus Brown Jr.**  
This book focuses on the authorship, date, and intended recipients of the letter. It emphasizes Christ's role in the church while encouraging believers to live responsibly and united in Christ.
- 1109 Understanding the End Times** **Minister John Morant Jr.**  
This study will examine the doctrine of the last things, addressing beliefs about death, the end of the world, and humanity's ultimate destiny. The course emphasizes various Christian teachings on the second coming, the resurrection of the dead, and the final judgment.
- 4002 Exploration of God's Nature** **Rev. Renee Hammock**  
The study explores the core beliefs that form the foundation of our faith, focusing on God as the first person of the Trinity – the Creator and Father of humanity. It also examines God as the Sustainer, characterized by His omniscience and omnipresence and highlights His role as the incarnate Word and Redeemer of humanity through Jesus Christ.
- 8017 The Door Keeping Ministry** **Minister Elizabeth Able**  
Instruct the ministry of ushering in the church, covering the fundamental signals, positions, and common post locations typically used in church ushering.
- 5012 Becoming an Effective Deacon** **Deacon Kenneth Bratcher**  
Help the deacons understand the biblical foundations that will equip them to effectively carry out their responsibilities and collaborate harmoniously with the pastor and other church leaders.

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## Evening Workshops

### **W4** **Becoming a Better Me!**

**Dr. Dolores Holland**

This workshop will allow students to explore their inner selves and do some house-cleaning to strengthen their spiritual walk. Psalm 62:2: “Examine me oh Lord and prove me; try my reins and my heart.”

### **W5** **Choir Workshop**

**Rev. Ralph Taylor Jr.**

This workshop examines the challenges of music as a vital form of praise in our churches. Music is Biblical, effective, eternal, and a great way to honor God during services.

### **W6** **Forgiveness**

**Minister James Williams**

This workshop will explore the Bible's teachings on forgiveness. While some use contemporary examples, this course will focus on gaining valuable insights from an in-depth study of God's Word on this important topic.

## Evening Seminars

### **P1** **Pastoral Lecture and Seminar**

**Rev. Dr. George Lewis Parks Jr.**

This course will answer the following questions facing the church in a changing environment: How does the preacher communicate the gospel effectively in a changed climate? How does the preacher meet people where they are and address their needs?

### **P2** **Associate Ministers Seminar**

**Rev. Dr. Marcus Jones**

This course will help associate ministers understand true Christian Ministry, what works and does not work today, who they are, their relationship with God, and whether they truly reflect God.

### **P3** **Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows (MWMW)**

**Rev. Dr. Ayanna Franklin**  
**Sister Gwendolyn Young**

Ministers' wives and widows encounter many challenges today, including family responsibilities, church expectations, community involvement, financial pressures, and relationship issues. This workshop will explore how to manage these challenges while maintaining a loving heart, which is essential for ministering to others and yourself.

## Youth Division

**Theme:** “Restoring Disciples Through Teaching & Training”

**Youth Leaders:** Minister Shayna Foster and Staff

**Y1** Elementary

**Y2** Middle

**Y3** High School

**Y4** Dance Ministry Workshop (All Ages)