



## Year in Review

2023

### Reeves Sets the Theme at Mid-Winter Board

The National Baptist Laymen's Movement held their annual Mid-Winter Board session on Monday, January 24, 2022 virtually. It was a two plus hour session via the Zoom the virtual platform.

President Reeves' theme for 2022 to give direction and focus for all the great work that was done in 2022 was, *"Envisioning the Future Exceptionally, Making Disciples Through Relationships"*. I Thessalonians 5:11. The theme is still linked to Luke 6:40.

There were several new initiatives for 2022 and much was accomplished.



### Former Vice President Passes Away February 1, 2022



Former National Baptist Laymen Vice President Clyde Edward Jackson, Sr. passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Mercy Health New Life Hospice after a brief illness.

Jackson served as the 6th vice president of the National Baptist Laymen from 1966 - 1967. He also served as the 3rd director of the National Junior Laymen from 1965 - 1967. Jackson also served as an instructor for classes of the National Laymen.

### 2022 Living Legends Named

On weekend of February 18 - 19, the laymen extended their Mid-Winter Board session with their annual awards. In 2022 this was the fourth awarding of the Living Legends Awards established by former president Willie Burke. Each year two different regions select the recipients. This year's recipients were from the Northeast and Midwest regions.



Jimmy Howard  
New Jersey



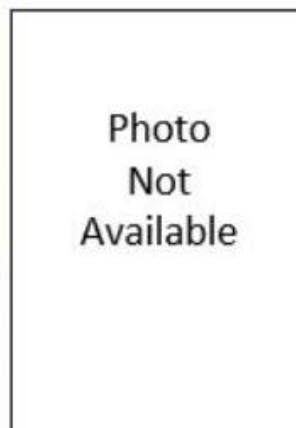
Dr. Lester Taylor, Jr.  
New York



John Glover  
Philadelphia



Ernest Nichols  
Michigan



Edward Gill  
Wisconsin



Dr. Robert W. Bell  
Indiana

## James Garrett, Kansas John L. Webb Award - Layman of the Year

For the year 2021, James Garrett of Kansas City, KS was awarded the John L. Webb Layman of the Year award.

The award is the most prestigious award that a layman can receive. It is named after the first laymen president John L. Webb who served from 1923 to 1946.

Garrett has supported laymen's work on the local, district, state, region, and national levels.

Garrett had served on the National Laymen Classification committee for many years. He has served under five administrations, Cade, Gash, Chelf, Simmons, and Burke.



## James Purnell, Mississippi General National Laymen King



The National Baptist Laymen held the annual king contest virtually on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

The fundraising effort for National Laymen ministries and operations was changed to see who could bring in the most Discipleships from their state convention. Mississippi General State Convention under the leadership of L. C. Mitchell won the king contest.

- 1st - James Purnell - Mississippi General
- 2nd - Henry Turner - Alabama
- 3rd - Andy White, Texas State

## 4th Consecutive 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Held April 16 - 17, 2022

National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. – Laymen's Movement

### 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

April 16, 2022  
thru  
April 17, 2022

To View States  
Prayer Schedule  
[Click Here](#)

Prayer Line Number: 1 - 605 - 475 - 4000 Access Code: 452045#  
No need to announce your name when entering call

## Junior Laymen Workshop on 4-23-22

APRIL 23 SAT National Baptist Laymen's Movement PRESENTS

Dr. Jerry Young  
Convention President

Dr. D. Pines  
National Laymen President

Dr. Bill Campbell  
General Secretary

Dr. Robert Turner  
V.P. of Org.

Dr. David Adams  
National Jr. Laymen Director

National Jr. Laymen Workshop & Bible Bowl  
April 23, 2022

For Zoom Link: [Click Here](#)

**Bible Bowl Kahoot!**  
Live Online Tournament

**Jr. Laymen 3D**  
VIRTUAL Workshop  
Jeremiah 29:11

**Breakout Sessions**  
Having What It Takes:  
"Career Path Preparation"  
How To Become Your Own Boss:  
"Entrepreneurship/Starting Your Own Business"

**BIBLE BOWL**  
8am PT, 9am MT, 10am CT & 11am EST

## Kirk Harris Named National Regional Workshop Coordinator



## National Laymen Black History Makers

During the month of February the National Laymen recognized four of their own during Black History Month.

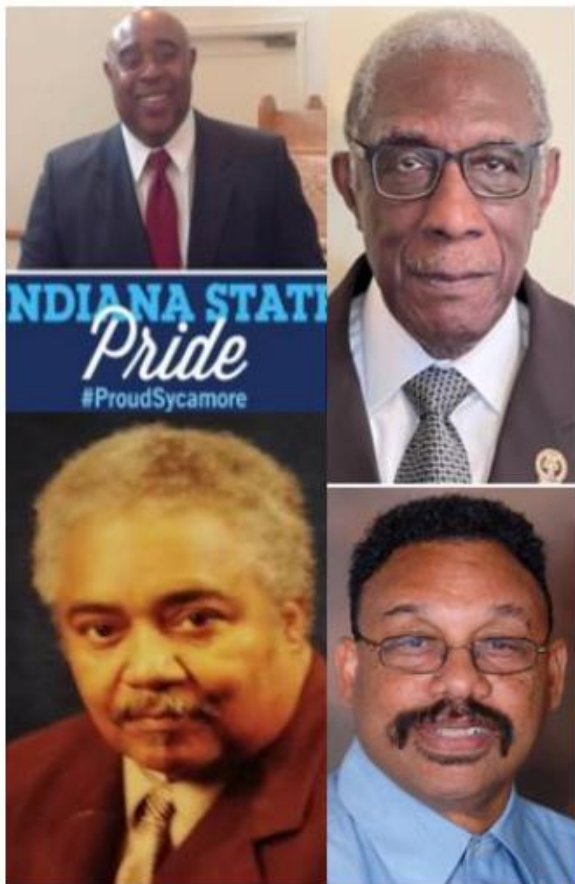
**Jerry Williams**, Indianapolis, IN has served in the National Baptist Laymen's Movement for many years giving dedicated service.

He is the immediate past National Laymen treasurer, former state laymen president, immediate past Midwest Region Program Coordinator and is currently working with the state president's ministry.

**James E Deen** is an immediate past National Laymen Vice President. He currently gives leadership to the John L. Webb committee.

Deen is a lifetime resident of Alma, GA in Bacon County. He has spent his lifetime as an educator, a deacon at First African Baptist Church, community activist, and a politician in Alma and Bacon County. He was the first elected Black Mayor in Southeast Georgia, a 1956 graduate of Alma High School, a member of the 1st State Basketball Championship Team in Alma/Bacon County history. He was presented the 2019 Golden Deeds Award Winner for his lifetime service and work in Alma/Bacon County.  
Bacon County School System

During the National Baptist Laymen's extended Mid-Winter Board session held on February 18 - 19, **Edward Gill** was named a 2021 - 2022 National Baptist Laymen Tommie Williams, Sr. Living Legend.



Gill is a former state president of the laymen of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin. He is supportive of all levels of laymen's work, local, district, state, regional and national.

Gill was born in Mobile Alabama in 1952, to the parents of Charles Richard and Maude Gill. Gill was educated in the Mobile, AL elementary schools. The family moved to Milwaukee, WI in 1966 and he went to the Milwaukee High schools.

Gill served in the National Guard. He worked at the WPC Technology Co. in Milwaukee and retired after 38 years of employment.

**AJ Byrd** has been active in the National Baptist Laymen's Movement for many years. He is a former National King and he and his wife Theresa currently give leadership over the Juvenile Detention Ministry in the Evangelism Ministry.

Byrd completed his BA Degree at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO and completed a Master's Degree at the UMKC Block School of Business in Kansas City, MO. Byrd fresh out of William Jewell served in the US Peace Corps as a school teacher in Kenya, Africa.

His professional experience also includes 33 years with Jackson County Family Court, and 15 of those years were simultaneous with the Denver Broncos as a scout/recruiter.

## Kirk Harris Named National Regional Workshop Coordinator



In the month of April, National Laymen President I.V. Reeves named Kirk Harris as National Coordinator of the regional workshops. The National Laymen is comprised of six regions (Western-Midwest, Western-Farwest, Midwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast). Harris will coordinate with the regional vice presidents the goals, objectives and vision for the regions.

Harris is Vice President-at-Large for the Northern Pacific Baptist Convention, where Richmond A. Johnson is president.

Harris is currently serving under the leadership of Dr. Robert L. Manaway, senior pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church Seattle, WA. At the church he teaches Bible Anatomy, How to Study the Bible, Developing the Leader within You, and Be in Health.



# Laymen Partnered with Mississippi General Laymen for Project Impact



**The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.**

**The National Baptist Laymen's Movement Supports Project Impact Mississippi In 2022**



**We Plan To Give 500 Backpacks To Support Students In The Mississippi School System!!**

Support by Donating to Nehemiah Club (7030) through Givelify.com or Mail Check or Money Order to Director of Finance 4661 Barkley Estate Dr., Collierville, Tn. 38017

Step 1. Go to Givelify.com.

Step 2. Enter Laymen NBCUSA, Inc. in the space in the Center the Home screen.

Step 3. Givelify will move to the payment selection screen. On this screen select the amount to be given

Step 4. Scroll to select the appropriate account number. (7030 Nehemiah Club)

Step 5. Givelify moves to the screen that gathers your payment method and personal information in a secure area of the App.





\$10.00 Gives Student A Backpack Stuffed With School Supplies!



**"Every Dollar Donated Between June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> Goes To Project Impact Mississippi!"**

Making preparations of the 116th Congress of Christian Education session, the National Baptist Laymen entered into a collaboration with the men of Mississippi soliciting donations to support **"Project Impact Mississippi"**. It was a project in giving backpacks to students within the Mississippi School Systems. The Laymen's Movement planned to donate enough funds to purchase 500 backpacks stuffed with back-to-school supplies.

# Hybrid Laymen Classes Offered at the 116th National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

June 20 - 24, 2022 | Jackson, Mississippi

2:30 p. m.	Westin	CRO1	Examining Criminal Justice in the Height of Social Injustice	Dr. Harold Simmons
2:30 p.m.	Westin	7009	How to Share Your Faith on a Daily Basis	Michael Washington
2:30 p.m.	Westin	8029C	Developing a Prison Ministry	Emerson Turner and Rev. Robert Bryant
2:30 p.m.	Westin	8079	Biblical Women Leading in a Spiritual War with No Excuses	Doris Simmons
2:30 p.m.	Westin	8101	Biblical Role of Laymen in the Local Church	Thad Jones

# Earl Granberry Passes Away

Earl Granberry who served for many years as the coordinator for the Midwest Region formerly Great Lakes Region Workshop passed away in August 24, 2022. He was a devoted and committed layman on all levels, local, district, state, regional, and national.

He was the immediate past laymen president of the Michigan BM&E laymen. His services were:

Friday, September 3, 2022 10:00 AM Family Hour

Friday, September 3, 2022 11:00 AM Homegoing Celebration





## \$14,250.00 Scholarships Awarded on August 20, 2022

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, the National Baptist Laymen's Scholarship Committee awarded \$14,250.00 in first time scholarships. The recipients represented north, south, east, and west of the United States. The recipients came from NY, OK, GA, NJ, MS, CA and MN. There were 13 applications received by the committee and 11 candidates interviewed.



Marcus Harper  
New York, NY  
\$5,000.00



Julius Simmons  
Oklahoma City, OK  
\$3,500.00



Julian Dudley  
Cadwell, GA  
\$2,000.00



Dyshon Mitchell  
Newark, NJ  
\$1,500.00



Ashton Shelton  
Ridgeland, MS  
\$1,000.00



Jaeson Grantley  
Apple Valley, CA  
\$650.00

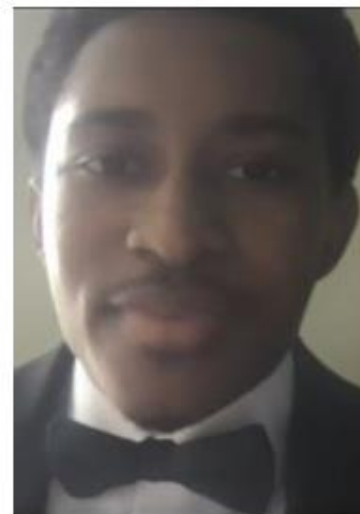


Joshua Caldwell  
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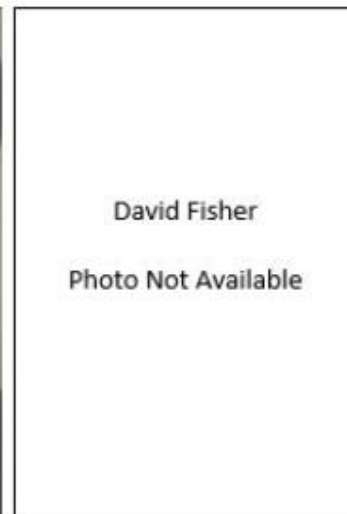
Joshua Caldwell  
Clinton, MI  
\$500.00

For the first time in the history of the National Baptist Laymen's scholarship ministry there was a new category of scholarship awards created. Under the leadership of scholarship committee chairman Kelvin Mitchell of Oklahoma, the committee desired to continue to follow and assist previous recipients in their educational pursuits.

This places the National Baptist Laymen in the lives of young men beyond their high school years. For the inaugural year, \$3,000.00 in cash awards were presented to young men who were in their first or second year of college.



David Henderson  
Roswell, GA  
\$1,250.00



David Fisher  
Oklahoma City, OK  
\$1,000.00



Lunden Gaddis  
Oklahoma City, OK  
\$750.00



## Laymen's Annual Session Houston, Texas



President I.V. Reeves opened the National Baptist Laymen 82nd session in Houston, TX at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. It was the 142nd Annual of the NBCUSA, Inc.

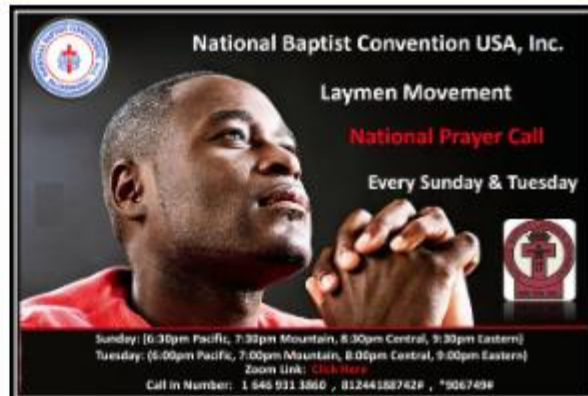
Pastor Shawn Buckhanan, St. Paul Baptist Church, Sierra Vista, AZ was the Laymen's opening session speaker. The title of his message was *"Endure, Expect and Exhort"*.

President I.V. Reeves delivered his annual address.

## Prayer Meetings Moved to Zoom

President Reeves in 2020 introduced national prayer with the membership. The session started meeting one day a week and then moved to two days a week, Tuesday and Sunday nights. It began using Free Conference Call for those that called in which was voice only.

Beginning the first Sunday in October, the prayer meetings ported to the Zoom video conferencing app. Not only were those dialed in or logged on could hear voices, now they could see those who were praying.



## National Laymen's Day Observance Supported Home Missions | Disaster Relief | Foreign Missions



Dr. I.V. Reeves  
National Laymen President

**National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.**  
**National Laymen's Observance Service**  
**October 21, 2022**

5:00pm Pacific – 6:00pm Mountain – 7:00pm Central – 8:00pm Eastern

**Zoom Link – [Click Here](#)**

Conference Call Number:  
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Dr. Jerry Young  
National Baptist Convention  
President



**Home Missions    Disaster Relief    Foreign Missions**



Pastor Terrence Griffith  
First African Baptist Church  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Guest Preacher

**Marylin Bryant Keynotes 23rd  
Melinda J. Cade Wives and Women  
Supporters Prayer Breakfast**



## Laymen Hold Pre-Thanksgiving Praise Service November 20th



### National Baptist Laymen's Pre-Thanksgiving Praise Service Study - Prayer - Praise & Testimony (November 20, 2022)



Program starts at 5:30pm Pacific , 6:30pm Mountain , 7:30pm Central , 8:30pm Eastern

5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 5:55 p.m. 6:10 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

VP Edward Mayberry	Bro. Leslie Kendrick Communications Dir.	Rev. David Frazier Disaster Relief Coordinator NBC	Technology Director Bro. Cyril Thornton	VP Anthony Hagans To Lead	Dr. Quentin Respress OBGC
Devotion	Devotional Message	Pre-Thanksgiving Message	Update on NBCLM Website	Testimonies/ Prayer/ Praise	Spoken Word



Dr. I.V. Reeves, Jr.  
Laymen President

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#)

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Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and  
praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever.  
Psalm 100:4-5 (NIV)



Dr. Quentin L. Respress  
Ohio Baptist General Convention

## Johnny Whitehead, Jr. Passes Away

On November 27, 2022, Johnny Whitehead, Jr. was laid to rest after a glorious homegoing service. Whitehead was president of the state laymen of the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois.

Whitehead was serving as the musician for the National Baptist Laymen. He was supportive in all levels of laymen's work including the Walter Cade, Jr. Midwest Region 9-State Workshop.

He was preceded in death by his wife for 45 years, Yvonne Whitehead.



## Tommie Williams, Sr. Passes Away Former General Secretary



Tommie Williams, Sr. passed away on December 17, 2022. He was 97 years old. He was one of the great general secretaries in the National Baptist Laymen's Movement. He served from 1974 to 1995. Before serving as general secretary, Williams, Sr. served as a 1st Vice President from 1971 to 1974.

Williams, Sr. was involved in all the laymen's work including foreign trips, work with the North American Baptist Men's Fellowship and the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

## Marylin Bryant Keynotes 23rd Melinda J. Cade Wives and Women Supporters Prayer Breakfast



On Saturday, October 22, 2022 the 32nd Melinda J. Cade Wives & Women Supporters Prayer Breakfast was held via Zoom. This was the third consecutive year that the program has been held virtually.

This year's keynote speaker was Marilyn Bryant. Marilyn is married to Rev. Robert Bryant. Both of them are active in the National Laymen prison ministry.

The theme for the breakfast was, "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally Through Our Commitment to Christ Centered Evangelism!" Jeremiah 29:11, Acts 1:8 "Making Disciples Through Relationships" I Thessalonians 5:11, Luke 6:40

## Junior Laymen Hold "Protect Your Name" Workshop

**JUNIOR LAYMEN WORKSHOP**  
**"PROTECT YOUR NAME"**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2022**