

Florida Primitive Baptist Women's Congress

Programs of the Congress

Scholarship - A major project of the Congress is supporting the **Allen-Bartley-Frazier Scholarship Fund**, which was established in the Women's Congress in 1976. The scholarship is named for three of the early leaders of the Congress: **Mother Mary Pauline Allen** (Tallahassee—a former president of the Congress), **Mother Martha Bartley** (St. Petersburg—a former vice president of the Congress) and **Mother Alberta Frazier** (Jacksonville—a former secretary of the Congress).

The scholarship fund is now part of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention Education Foundation, Inc. Seven \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year to current high school graduates.

- Each church is asked to make a minimum report of \$50 each year to the Scholarship Fund.
- Each Congress member is expected to purchase a ticket and attend the **Lillian Brantley Scholarship Luncheon** - normally held on Friday during the Convention.
- Each Congress member is expected to participate in the **\$25 Scholarship March** held on Thursday during the Convention.

Queen Contest

- Each auxiliary is expected to sponsor a contestant for the Queen Contest. Funds generated for this contest support the scholarship fund. The contestant reporting the largest amount is crowned queen during the Lillian Brantley Scholarship Luncheon and reigns for one year when a new queen is crowned.

Emma R. Tyler Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast - In 1976, **Mother Emma R. Tyler** (Tampa, South Florida District) introduced the idea of a "President's Prayer Breakfast" in honor of the Congress President. The Congress accepted the idea and

for several years Mother Tyler chaired the committee for the breakfast. In 2007, Vice President Jerrlyne Jackson recommended that the breakfast become a prayer/fellowship breakfast and named after the founder. The Breakfast is held at 7:00 a.m. on Friday during the Convention.

Women's Congress 24-Hour Women's Retreat - In 2008, President Jerrlyne Jackson recommended to the Congress that a 24-Hour Retreat be held following the One-Day Session. The Congress accepted the recommendation and the following Retreats were held:

- [2009 - January 9-10](#) - Plaza Ocean Club Hotel, Daytona Beach (110 registered)
- [2010 - January 8-9](#) - Crown Plaza Grand Hotel, Pensacola (103 registered)
- [2011 - January 7-10](#) - Weekend Cruise from Miami to Nassau, Bahamas (102 ladies and 18 gentlemen onboard)
- [2012 - January 6-7](#) - St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton Hotel (70 registered)
- [2013 - January 11-12](#) - Panama City Beach Wyndham Resort (99 registered)

Congress Outreach - In 2010, Deaconess Hattie Ruth Dennis suggested the idea of an outreach project for someone in the city where the Convention was being held. The Congress accepted the recommendation and the first donation of cash and books was made in 2011 to the R. J. Hendley Christian School in Riveria Beach.

In 2012, the Congress sisters rallied together to support an active member of the Congress whose house and car were completely destroyed in a fire in February.

Support of Youth Convention - In addition to several sisters of the Congress assisting in various areas of the Youth Convention, a Women's Congress Team annually conducts a Round-Table Discussion for the young ladies of Youth Convention.