

Florida Primitive Baptist Women's Congress

About Us

The Florida State Primitive Baptist Women's Congress is a department of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc., and was organized at the same time of the Convention in 1901.

Over the past 111 years, the Women's Congress has been a strong and supporting department of the Convention. Although society had and still, to some degree, have issues with women's equality, the founding sisters of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Women's Congress laid a strong foundation of caring, respect, and support which through the years has provided the basis for a growing Congress in numbers, programs, and support for the Convention.

The Congress was organized "To meet with the State Convention once per year where Primitive Baptist women may come together for information and inspiration to become better prepared for kingdom building."

Because of the various involvements of the women in the Congress, the Congress is divided into six auxiliaries:

- [Ministers' Wives/Widows](#) - consists of the wives of ministers of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention and/or widows of these ministers as long as she remains a widow. The colors for this group are **Black and White**—normally worn on Thursday at the Convention.
- [Deaconesses/Mothers](#) - consists of deaconesses/mothers who have been placed on boards at their local churches and are members of their district deaconesses or mothers organization. The colors for this group are **White**

with Purple Corsage—normally worn on Thursday and Friday during the Convention.

- **Women of the Church** - consists of women who are not members of other auxiliaries. The colors for this group are **Navy with Pink Corsage**—normally worn on Thursday during the Convention.
- **Matrons** - This auxiliary was originally organized for the younger women of the Congress. Over the years, it consists of women who are willing to become spiritually and educationally involved at all levels in the church. The colors for this group are **Royal Blue and White with a White Corsage**—normally worn on Thursdays during the Convention.
- **Choir** - consists of anyone who sings with their local and district choirs and desires to affiliate with the State Choir. The Choir often sings for services during the Convention when no church choir is present. The colors for this group are **Navy Blue Suits with White Blouse or Navy Blue Dress - White Corsage** for Thursday.
- **Nurses' Guild** - consists of women who have professional training in health services. Others with some training may assist under the guidance of the professionally trained persons.