

Phase 3 Reflections

To God be all the Glory for the success and appreciation I have experience with the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP). COPP has been truly a blessing in my faith walk. As a graduating student of Christian Education, I have been inspired to learn more about God and His Kingdom. I was blessed to receive godly knowledge and instructions for spiritual growth. I am very thankful for the COPP class experiences that helped and strengthened me to be a better Christian. I express my heartfelt appreciation for the dedication and commitment to all the Congress leaders, instructors, staff members and students. Thank you to my pastor, Pastor Shelby, for supporting my Christian journey. Special thanks to Etta Dycus, Association Dean, for her job in running COPP by helping every student achieve our Christian goals. Thank you, Jesus!

Michael Davis
Ebenezer Baptist Church

Phase 4

In reflecting on this accomplishment of completing all four phases of COPP classes, I am ever so grateful. I started COPP with a need to get closer to God after the passing of my mother. I immediately felt this was a good opportunity for spiritual growth. In the last four years of attending the classes I have grown in my spiritual walk. I gained more knowledge of God, my purpose, and the importance of sharing the knowledge that I discovered of God, to others.

*Knowledge Is Power
"A wise man is strong, and a Man of knowledge strengthens his power"*

(Proverbs 24:5 Amplified Bible)

Thanks to all the Union District Congress COPP staff that helped us activate the power within.

Valarie S. Williams
Little Bethel MBC

Certificate of Progress Program
&
Specialization
Informational Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Mt. Nebo MBC
2325 Hovey Street
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Registration
for
Phases 1-4 or Personal Growth
Come and Join Us!

Thank You

SPECIAL PATRONS

NORMAJO MOORE
ANN KIMBLE-HILL
ROSALYNN SHROPSHIRE WEST
RAY SHAFFER
PASTOR LARRY & GLORIA HARRIS
CORDIA M. PINKNEY
CARLA JONES
DIANA TAYLOR
MARIE WILHITE
DR. MARIO ELCOCK
ALMA SARTIN BALTIMORE
DORIS PRYOR
LISA TERRY
BETTY WOODSON
JUDITH E. NELSON
LINDA CROCHERON
DAISY HUDSON
JAMIE HAYES
ADA SPARKMAN
YOUNG PASTORS & MINISTERS
PASTOR TIMOTHY RAMSEY
FRANK BROWN
THOMAS & JANICE TAYLOR
SANDRA J RIDLEY
COPP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**THANK YOU FOR GOING
ABOVE & BEYOND**



GRADUATION

**"Ordinary People Committed to Extraordinary Ministry
By the Grace of God"**
Luke 5: 17-26

**Wednesday
July 27, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Pilgrim Baptist Church

Dean Etta Dycus, Association Dean
Dr. W. V. Pickens, III., Congress President
Dr. Clyde Posley, Jr, Moderator

ORDER OF SERVICE



WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

7:00 PM

Master of Ceremony: Rev. Gerald Butler
Pilgrim Baptist Church

Devotion.....	Laymen Men of Action
Academic Processional.....	Minister Stacy Webb St Luke MBC
	Including Special Tribute
Scripture & Prayer.....	Minister Janet Howard Pilgrim Baptist Church
Music Ministry.....	Pilgrim Baptist Music Ministry Memorial
Introduction of Speaker.....	Dean Denise A Posey Christ MBC
Music Ministry.....	Pilgrim Baptist Music Ministry COPP Video
Educational Address.....	Dean Etta Dycus Pilgrim Baptist Church
Worship in Giving.....	Laymen Men of Action
Recognition of COPP Students.....	Rev Tommy Birnell South Calvary MBC
Announcements.....	Director General Staff
Remarks & Benediction.....	Pulpit

Featured Violinist-Sister Imani Suggs

2022 GRADUATES



Phase I

PHASE I (YELLOW)

Marlo Allen
Carolyn Bizzle
Kenya Carr
Rev Brenda Y Evans
Sharon Fekler
Tarnika Alexandra Griffin
Minister Gloria A. Grundy
Brittany Janelle Jackson
LaTanya Jones
Carla Martin
Joyce L. Moore
LaMont Scott
Quida Terry
Drewsessa Pamela Williams

Nicole Fields
Marilyn Harris Thomas
Tasha Jefferson Holloway
Elizabeth I. Johnson
Camilla L. Peterson
Sandra J. Roberts

DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS

Kimbley E. Adams
Ophelia Birnell
Marla Brewer
Howard E. Conley, Sr.
Mary Ellen Floyd
Marilyn Harris Thomas
Renee Martin Collins
Debra A. Moore
Jennifer L. Payne
Valarie Williams

SPECIALIZATION

Darlene Ballinger
Etta Dycus
Linda K. Edwards
Allison Redd Shields
Sandra J. Ridley
Rosalynn Shropshire-West
Patricia L. Vinson

PHASE III (GREEN)

Kimbley E. Adams
Marla Brewer
Rev. Danny Carter
Nina Wilson Carter
Janice Carter
Deacon Timothy Carter
Michelle Davis

To be a student in the COP Program is great! For years I have wanted to attend classes, but felt financially unable to do so.....and as a (Late Bloomer) I am enjoying the classroom participation. The Facilitators are knowledgeable, understanding, and they work tirelessly and are extremely dedicated to the cause. In other words they truly want us to get it. The facility is centrally located with ample, lighted parking which is an asset.

Upon orientation I was quickly introduced to all the faculty, the Deans, the President, and the Moderator, and the Pastors in this wonderful organization COP Program.

The cost was a fraction and we ordered our books through Amazon and we are an accredited School. I am finally a full time student and my intention is to go all the way.....A friend gave me this pertinent information, and my life have blossomed. Great is our God who always causes us to triumph! Thank you seems so mediocre but I am most appreciative and excited for this opportunity.

With Warm Regards,

Minister Gloria A. Grundy
ML Olive MBC

The Phase 2 Cake

As I completed Phase 2 I am reminded how it's so important to know GOD for yourself. Society has placed a new meaning to life, one that is far from God's plan. IF you are NOT rooted, You'll think and believe and maybe doubt your walk. This is WHY it's SO needed for us to seek, learn and study Christian Education.

Phase 2 was a 2 Layer of a 4 Tier Cake. It will take You a Moment to Complete BUT when it's done, you're so proud of the finished product of your accomplishment.

A wise teacher once told me "It is okay to advance in the secular education BUT there is nothing like Christian Education." These are the words of the late Dean Doris J. Wheatley.

Her point was well taken and in honor of her, I returned to complete the Certificate of Progress Program. So I can be used with knowledge and wisdom received to help and equip God's people.

A Quote Dean Wheatley would say, "Good, Better, Best, Never Let It Rest, Until the Good gets Better, and the Better gets Best." I received it and never forgot it, now 30 years later I Totally Understand, Here It Is... When you do the 1st and 2nd layer (Phase 1 and Phase 2) that's GOOD... You Need the 3rd Layer (Phase 3) then it's BETTER... But for a 4 Tier Cake You MUST Do the 4th Layer (Phase 4) it takes time but it's your BEST... Now You Step Back and Look at Your Work, Your Cake is Now Done!!!

Sister Quida Terry
Pilgrim Rest MB Church
Gary, Indiana