

Southwest Missionary Baptist Association, Incorporated  
**CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**77TH Annual Session**

JUNE 9, 2026 • 6:30 pm.

*President's Night*



**Rev. Bonji F. Arvie**  
*General President*

"Strengthening Christian Communities"  
Hebrews 10:23-25

First New Life Missionary Baptist Church  
*Pastor Dwight Barker*  
311 S. 1st Avenue  
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601



# Order of Service



Call to Worship

Vice President Rev. Sherard Joseph, Presiding

*Entrance of*

Association Officers, General President and his Family

*Devotional Period*

Scripture Reading..... Rev. Terryll Jackson

Prayer.....Rev. Norlan Arvie

Praise & Worship .....Southwest District Chorus

*Presentation of Corsage to Lady Dana Arvie*

Lady Veronica Barker

*Presentation by Bro. David Harris*

Heritage Endowment

*Tributes to President Arvie*

On behalf of St. James B. C. ....Sister Laurie Charles

On behalf of St. Paul B.C. & Greater Mt. Pleasant B.C. .... Sister Donna Fontenot

On behalf of Southwest Association ..... Dr. Darwan Lazard

*Love Offering*

Musical Selection ..... Southwest District Chorus

Introduction of President .....Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

*Presidential Address*

Pastor Bonji F. Arvie

Sermonic Song ..... Southwest District Chorus

*Presidential Message*

Pastor Bonji F. Arvie

Invitation to Discipleship .....Pastor Lannis Joseph, Sr.

Announcements .....Pastor Berthel Lewis

*Presentation to Lady Dana Arvie*

On behalf of Southwest Minister Wives & Widow's Ministry

Lady Matilda Tolbert

*Presentation to President Arvie*

Southwest Chairman of Finance

Pastor Lannis Joseph

*Remarks by General President and his wife*

Acceptance of Presidential Message ..... Pastor Berthel Lewis

Words of Gratitude .....Sister Heather Smith

Closing of the 76th Annual Session and Benediction ..... General President

# *Thank You*

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, kindness, and support you have shown us. Serving this association is a profound privilege, and your expressions of care have deeply touched our hearts.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouraging words, and tangible acts of kindness. It reminds us of the strength found in our shared covenant. We are blessed to labor alongside such dedicated congregations and leaders that make up this great Association.

Our special gratitude goes to Pastor Dwight Barker, First New Life Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Al Williams and New Sunlight Baptist Church families.

It is our prayer that the Lord continues to bless your local ministries abundantly as we continue to serve His kingdom together.

*President Bonji & Lady Dana Arvie*



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