

2026 Women's Day Committee

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Scripture

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
(Colossians 2:6-7) (NKJV)*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On behalf of the 2026 Women's Day Committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who prayed, participated, and supported this program in any way.

Your contributions helped make this celebration a meaningful and memorable success. Our hearts are filled with gratitude, and we pray that the Lord's blessings continue to overflow in your life.

—The Committee

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Women's Day 2026 Guest Speaker

Sister Portia H. Brandon

*(1st Vice President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention
Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.)*

Sister **Portia H. Brandon** is a devoted Christian leader, teacher, and inspirational speaker who has faithfully served in ministry for more than **50 years** on the local, state, and national levels. She currently serves as **First Vice President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated**, where she continues to help strengthen and advance missionary work and Christian education.

Sister Brandon is a proud graduate of **Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina**, where she earned a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration**, and she later received her **Master of Divinity from Shaw University Divinity School**.

She is an active and dedicated member of **New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina**, where she serves as **Chairperson of the Ladies Aide Auxiliary** and previously served as a **Sunday School teacher for 30 years**, faithfully teaching and mentoring generations of believers.

Her leadership extends throughout the **Wake Missionary Baptist Association**, where she serves as **Clerk**. In recognition of her outstanding service, she was **inducted into the Wake Missionary Baptist Association Hall of Fame in 2018**. She also serves on the **Executive Committee and Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina**.

Sister Brandon has devoted many years to missionary education. She serves as a **Program Chair Certified Institute Instructor and Certified Mission Instructor** for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention Auxiliary and previously served for **15 years as a Mission Instructor with the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention**.

Her leadership and commitment to ministry have been recognized through numerous honors, including the **2012 General Baptist State Convention Congress of Christian Education Leadership Award** and the **2025 Lott Carey Woman In Service Everywhere – Woman of the Year Award**.

Beyond church ministry, Sister Brandon has also demonstrated strong community leadership, serving as **President of the Garner Alumni Association for 10 years**.

Sister Brandon's faith journey is guided by her favorite hymn, "**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**," and her favorite scripture, **Psalm 27**, which reminds us that the Lord is our light and our salvation.

She has been happily married to her high school sweetheart, **Wesley**, for **55 years**. Together they are the proud parents of two sons: **Wesley**, married to **Edrienne**, President of CTEMS Computer and Technology Company; and **Ervin**, who owns and instructs his **TESTUDO Judo franchise** alongside his wife, **Terry**. They are also the proud grandparents of **Sage and Taj**.

Sister Brandon continues to dedicate her life to serving God, strengthening the church, and encouraging others to grow in faith and service.



Order of Service

Music: CTOF Women's Day Choir

Prsiding: Sister Patrice Bethga



Call to Worship-Sister Patrice Bethea

Musical Selection

Scripture-Sister Melissa Parker

Prayer-Sister Doris Wilson

Introduction of Speaker-Sister Peggy K. McCauley

Musical Selection(s)

Speaker-Sister Portia Brandon

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pastor James T. Burgess

Invitational Selection

Remarks-Pastor James T. Burgess

Presentation-Sister Nicola Allen

Closing Prayer-Sister Ina McCoy

Benediction-Pastor James T. Burgess