



**FLORIDA STATE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC**  
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Dear Members of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention:

On February 3, 2023, the former President of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Elder Dr. Willie J. Williams, made some very serious personal accusations against me. Initially, I was not going to respond because Dr. Williams had developed a pattern of making unsubstantiated fabricated untruths against everyone who opposed his fight to sell Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. This seems to be just another one of those situations. However, this time was different and this time, it could prove to cause substantial division within the upcoming Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention in April. For this reason, and the personal attack on my character and reputation, I have decided to respond.

Note: I will not continue to engage in a back-and-forth war of letters and emails with Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams has now made this a war between he and I. On December 6, 2022 a prayerful decision was made by five concerned Moderators of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention and the convention members. The decision to make a change in our leadership was in the best interest of the beloved 121-year-old convention.

***The following are my responses.***

- Dr. Williams stated, "I had hoped that I would have good news to share relative to the Schism in the Body of Christ."
- **Response:** Dr. Williams, as a man of God, should have known that there is no Schism in the body of Christ (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). The Schism is in Dr. Williams and his supporters, not the body of Christ nor the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention.
- Dr. Williams indicated, "Chris Burney was able to remove over \$50,000 from the Convention account with Bank of America."
- **Response:** Dr. Williams' statement on this is correct. The difference is that I had the authority to withdraw funds for the General Operation of the Convention as I am the legal confirmed President of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention. He had already spent over \$50,000 of a \$100,000 CD he had already redeemed. This is after Dr. Williams stated at the special call meeting in July 2022 he would not, under any circumstances, cash in that \$100,000 CD or mortgage anything to save Miracle Hill. We were not going to let Dr. Williams use any more of the Convention's funds for his own personal operations. It is time for Dr. Williams to recognize that I have been elected as the President of the

Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, and these divisive tactics are not working. Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention those funds are protected, and all accounted for.

- Dr. Williams stated, “that while I am still hopeful that Christian decorum can be restored, we must prepare for what may not happen.”
- **Response:** Christian decorum is in the hands of true Christian followers of Jesus Christ. The actions of former President Dr. Williams are the real reasons why decorum has not been considered by Dr. Williams, particularly when seeds of discord are continuously being sowed. This is not the godly behavior of a presiding spiritual leader of our Holy Convention. Other concerns caused by Dr. Williams put the discourse completely out of order. He is trying to establish a **new Convention** to be held at the same time as the **already-established Convention**. This will not happen.
- Dr. Williams stated, “that the actions of a few have caused us to be divided.”
- **Response:** Yes! Dr. Williams is correct. However, he did not identify who are the few. The few are Dr. Williams and the others who are co-signing and agreeing with his behavior by calling around our State trying to gather support to divide Associations and churches.

**Beloved Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention**, we have approximately 46,300 members. And approximately 185 churches. **The numbers speak for themselves.** We have a great Convention that has the power to bring about true change in and across the State of Florida such as the many issues that our young Black men are being gunned down in the street and a Governor trying to erase our history right before our eyes.

Finally, I am encouraging all our members to return their registration forms, using the correct registration form that reflects Elder Dr. Chris Burney as the Interim President of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc.. Please make sure to get your registration forms returned as soon as possible. **We are moving forward.**

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session will convene April 16-22, 2023, hosted by the North Central Association. Please make your hotel reservations by April 1, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Tallahassee East Capitol – Universities, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850) 792-8300.

I look forward to seeing you at the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention being held at the Old West Enrichment Center, 2344 Lake Bradford Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32310. You will find the registration forms attached.

Sincerely Yours,

Elder Dr. Chris A. Burney

Attachments (3)

cc: Elder Dr. Willie J. Williams, Former President  
Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc.