



MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS



MESSENGER UPDATE

October 7, 2025

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THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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- Pray for **Missionary Thomas Loyd** as he recovers from gall bladder surgery last Tuesday.
- Pray for **Pastor Johnny Cook** as he continues treatments for injury sustained when he fell and injured his back.
- Pray for **Pastor Russell Clouse** as he deals with his broken leg.
- As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation month, remember to pray for the wives of Pastors who are struggling with health issues. (Sister Cook and Sister Hooper)
- Also pray for a number of our Pastors who continue to serve even though they have reached an elevated age.



CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY

Greetings to you from your state mission project at Crosswalk Free Will Baptist Church in New Albany,

I forgot to mention earlier that we enjoyed seeing many of you at the Northeast Association Meeting in Pearl, MS! Dr. Larry Reynolds did a great job preaching God's Word! Thank you to Pastor Aaron, Sis. Leslie Baldridge and FFWBC Pearl family for your hospitality. You all did a wonderful job!

Our church family yard sale during the Tallahatchie Riverfest in New Albany went well. We were able to pass out a lot of invitation cards as well as raise money for International Missions!

Thank you to our Crosswalk FWB Church Family for taking care of our Sunday service this past week while I am recovering from surgery. Special thanks to Bro. Matthew Wilson for preaching God's Word!



We are looking forward to our annual trip to the "Pumpkin Patch" later this month!

If you do not have a church home, we invite you worship with us. Service times Sunday mornings are Crosswalk Groups at 9:45 a.m.; Donut & Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.; and Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday evenings start at 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support of Mississippi Missions and the New Albany Project!

Pastor Thomas and Lisa Loyd



HISPANIC MINISTRY- Rick Bowling

CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY GOD IS BLESSING. MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST committed to a PATNERSHIP of support for Brother Rick Bowling and the Hispanic Ministry of North America many years ago.

I attended the wedding of one of our missionaries sons. Dr Rufo Gomez's oldest son Jonathon had a very beautiful wedding last Saturday in Lexington Kentucky! Everything was fantastic and Class A! Our missionary children are growing up! I'm looking forward to attending another wedding next Saturday .

Not only are our missionary children growing up ! There were a lot of Hispanics in attendance! Those Dr Rufo has led to the LORD! Hallelujah! I can only imagine how many others have been affected by this ministry!! Think about it. Mississippi has been involved from the beginning! God has blessed. Someone is going to be able to go to heaven because you prayed and gave! Thanks MISSISSIPPI!!



1. Bethlehem Free Will Baptist- Pontotoc, MS, looking for bi-vocational Youth Pastor- Contact Pastor Mike Ratliff @ 662-871-8791

2. Bethel Free Will Baptist 200 Freewill Church Rd, Richton, MS 39476(South Mississippi FWB

Association) Contact: Brother Joel Garner 62 Phillips Nursery Rd. Richton, MS 39476 Ph. 601 964-0049

3. Antioch Free Will Baptist Church (Little Brown Creek Association) – Brother Russell Clouse is serving as interim Pastor.

4. White Hill Free Will Baptist Church (NE MS Assn.) 3702 Clarkston Rd. Eupora, MS 38744– contact: Donna Fowler @ (662) 263-7809



PULPIT SUPPLY

Many of our congregations across Mississippi face circumstances that they don't have anyone to fill the pulpit for Sunday services.

We are creating a list of lay speakers that can accommodate that need. These men are very highly recommended by their Pastor and are doctrinally sound.

At this time, the list will accommodate the northern two associations of our state. Our desire is to accumulate a list to serve the entire state. Only faithful men recommended by their Pastor will be incorporated into the list.

The list will not be published but will be made privately available for congregations to make the contact. Call or text the Communication Director at 662-213- 0231 or email at msafwb22@gmail.com.



Events | Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists

.Welch College Youth Day – Saturday, October 11 · 3 - 7pm CDT
hosted by Connect Church.

Pontotoc Area Masters Men meeting October 13th 7:00 PM Hosted by Antioch FWN – Meal will be provided.

DOUG LITTLE



With the holidays coming it might be helpful to remind our MS readers that the Christmas carols worship tracks are available.
Doug Little (615) 419-4180

I'm working on completing a set of Easter hymns to be ready by January. I'll let you know.

Thanks so much for your encouragement and prayers. I'm extremely grateful the Lord has restored my health. And for the prayers of my friends. May the Lord continue to bless you!



Welch College would love to have your youth come and attend our Youth Day at Connect Church in Tupelo on October 11. We will have a great time of food, games, and worship all free of charge! To sign up use the link below, and if you have any questions feel free to reach out.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mississippi-youth-day-tickets-1664776022899?aff=oddtcreator>

- Beech Springs FWB Church – Homecoming October 12th 10:30 AM. The Pontotoc Ridge Boy will be singing. Rev. David Crow will preach, and we will enjoy eating together. Revival will continue Sunday @ 6:00 PM with Brother David Crow – Monday-Wednesday @ 7:00 PM



Our annual Harvest Drive is underway! This annual effort helps us collect food and supplies to care for our children year-round. Every donation makes a difference, and we are so grateful for the churches, businesses, and individuals who faithfully support our ministry. View our

Harvest Drive Donation List in the News section of our website or here to see a list of our most urgent needs. You can also make a donation online or mail your gift to P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554. Please mark your donation with "Harvest Drive" or "General" so we know how to use it.

As a nonprofit relying entirely on the generosity of our supporters, we do not receive any government funding to cover our expenses. Your contributions to the Harvest Drive and general donations throughout the year play a crucial role in helping us pay our bills, stock our shelves, and fulfill daily needs. We're forever thankful for the impact your giving makes.

And don't forget to save the date for our 23rd Annual Eldridge Toy Run happening Saturday, December 6. This event is always a blessing as we gather with our community to collect toys for the holiday season.

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Harmony FWB Church at Eupora will be having Campmeeting October 27-31. Services will begin at 7pm. Bro Mike McCoy will be preaching Monday and Tuesday evening. Bro Jarrod Vanderslice will preach Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Sound Street will be singing on Friday evening. Pastor Cody Henderson gives everyone an invitation to participate.



Master's Men Deep South Golf Tourney

Register now for the Master's Men Mid-South Golf Tournament at River Birch Golf Club on October 23-24, 2025, in Amory Mississippi!

The tournament fee is \$125 and covers two rounds of golf and the Thursday night meal. Lodging is not included in the tournament fee, but accommodations are available at the nearby Heritage Inn and Suites.

To register, pay fees online, or find out more information visit –

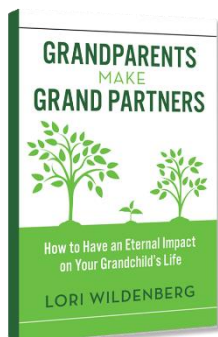
fwbmastersmen.org/mid-south-golf.

Mark Your Calendar

Our 2026 MSAFWB annual meeting will be held **April 17 & 18, 2026.**

The meeting will be hosted by the Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Tupelo. A number of motels and eating establishments are available in minutes from the church.

Pastor Dennis Kizzire encourages you to make your plans to attend.



We're excited to announce the upcoming release of **Grandparents Make Grand Partners: How to have an Eternal Impact in your Grandchild's Life**, by Lori Wildenberg.

This book helps explore the role of grandparents and the partnership with their adult children and God in cultivating a legacy of faith.

For more details, please check out the attached sales sheet. If you'd like to receive a complimentary review copy, simply fill out this opt-in form.

To ensure timely delivery please submit your form by October 24, 2025.

[PREORDER LINK](#)

Thank you!





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