



MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MESSENGER UPDATE



January 13, 2026

For Christ We Strive in 2025

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

[Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists \(msfwb.org\)](http://msfwb.org)

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WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Pastor Jack Whitley at the home going of his mother.
- Pastor Brandon Bell at the home going of his father.
- Pastor Chris Moody at the home going of his father.
- Long time Mission Board member, Lavelle Braddock at home going of his wife Donna.

2 Cor 5:6-9

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

We always look to the readers of the MESSENGER to join in and give us a “Slogan”! It's time for the year 2026's slogan and we need your participation.

Send an email to msafwb22@gmail.com or text it to 662-213-0231. Our Executive Board will choose the slogan, and a gift card will be awarded to the person whose slogan was selected.



CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY

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

I've missed a couple of updates. So, let me bring you up to speed on what's been happening at Crosswalk.

We had a great time at our New Year's Eve celebration on Wednesday, December 31st. There was a devotional time, lots of good food, and games of course.

We continue to enjoy Crosswalk groups on Sunday mornings as well as worship services Sunday morning and evening. Wednesday nights we finished a series on the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry, His suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. We have started a study on Biblical, Historical, and Free Will Baptist Church structure. We are very deliberate and diligent about teaching God's Word!

God has answered a big prayer for us recently and we are very grateful! God still answers prayers!

Special thanks to Brother Matthew Wilson and Brother Chris Knox for doing repair and maintenance work on the church sign! They did a great job!



There will be a baby shower for the Wilson family on Saturday, February 7th, starting 1:00 p.m. at Crosswalk Church. There is a baby registry set up on Amazon in Emilie Wilson's name if you are unable to be present but would like to bless them.

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*



Please continue to pray for and support Brother Rick Bowling and the Hispanic Ministry. Mississippi Free Will Baptist's partnership is positively impacting many families, and your continued involvement is essential to its success and service within the Hispanic community.

Remember our graduates of the NAM Bible Institute! We now have sixteen Graduates ready to start their ministries. God has opened up a lot of doors for them to serve. That first ministry is very important and can affect their entire career! Thanks for your Prayers in advance! I know Mississippi is faithful!!





- **SANCITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY** – JANUARY 18, 2026
- **MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** - Saturday, January 24, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
- **THE NEMSFWB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – meets Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:30 PM at Beech Springs FWB Church.
- **MSAFWB GENERAL BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 9:30AM @ Beech Springs FWB Church
- **PREACHER FELLOWSHIP** – Monday, February 2nd @ 10:30 AM at Beech Springs FWB Church. Pastor Michael Hutton will bring our devotion.
- **LITTLE BROWN CREEK FWB ASSN.** – February 28, 2026 hosted by Iuka FWB Church.
- **NORTHEAST MS ASSOCIATION OF FWB** will meet on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Springdale FWB Church. Dr. Rich Dilling is host Pastor.
- **SOUTH MS ASSOCIATION MEETING** was rescheduled – **March 21, 2026** @ Gulf Coast FWB Church
- **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.
- **ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME DONUT DASH** 2026-Be on the lookout for a Save the Date for our annual Donut Dash 5K, which will take place earlier than in previous years. More details are coming soon!
- **MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMPS:**
 - Teen Week – May 30th – June 5th
 - Junior Week- June 7- 12th
 - Elementary Week – June 14th – 17th
 - June One Day Camp June 18 or 19



1. **Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church** (South MS Association) 2626 Union Road Richton, MS 39476 Contact Justin Walley 803 Umpqua Road Richton MS 39476 (601) 525-6357

2. **Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church** - Pontotoc, MS, looking for bi-vocational Youth Pastor- Contact Pastor Mike Ratliff @ 662-871-8791
3. **Bethel Free Will Baptist Church** 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

4. **Antioch Free Will Baptist Church (Little Brown Creek Association) – Brother Russell Clouse is serving as interim Pastor.**
5. **White Hill Free Will Baptist Church (NE MS Assn.) 3702 Clarkston Rd. Eupora, MS 38744– contact: Donna Fowler @ (662) 263-7809** Mahler Resigns as Welch CFO

PARKGATE PREGNANCY CLINIC

Sanctity of Life Campaign



JANUARY 18TH – FEBRUARY 1ST

Join us in making a difference!

The Baby Bottle Campaign is a fun and impactful way for families and kids of all ages to get involved in supporting the Sanctity of Life cause.

How It Works:

1. **Pick up a Baby Bottle:** Stop by the booth in the main lobby to grab a baby bottle (or as many as you'd like!)
2. **Fill it with donations:** Collect spare change, cash, or write a check for your donation.
3. **Return your bottle:** Drop off the filled bottle at the same booth by February 1st.

Get Your Kids Involved!

This is a great opportunity for children to learn about the value of life and the power of giving. You can even make it a family project to see how much you can raise together!

Parkgate appreciates your participation as we work to support the Sanctity of Life.



Save the Date and Register Now!

The Welch College Alumni Association is hosting an *Alumni Gathering* for all alumni and their families.

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Welch College
1045 Bison Trail
Gallatin, TN 37066

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of Celorio Hall with Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Early Registration Prices:

Age 14 - Adults: \$20

Ages 3 - 13: \$15

Ages 2 and under: FREE

If available, adult tickets purchased after January 15 will cost \$25 each. Ages 3 - 13 will cost \$20 each.



We would like to share your event in the UPDATE!

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