



MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MESSENGER UPDATE



January 20, 2026

For Christ We Strive in 2025

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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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.

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.

Also, on Sunday, February 15th, we will share a Valentines Luncheon following the morning service. We are asking everyone to bring an Italian style dish and/or salad and bread for the meal. Invite a friend and make plans to join us!

There will be no evening service on February 15th.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us.

- Service times Sunday mornings are
- Crosswalk Groups at 9:45 a.m.
- Donut & Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.
- Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday evenings start at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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.

We were at Antioch, TN Saturday night ordaining two Pastors. One will go back to Mexico and start a Free Will Baptist church in Morales Mexico and Pastor Frank will open another work in Murfreesboro area.

God is still calling and pastors and their families are answering the call!

This is happening because of the faithfulness of Mississippi !



Thanks
Mississippi for
being faithful!!



- **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

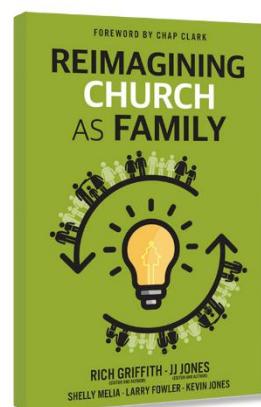
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We're excited to offer you a complimentary copy of our newest release—If you would like to receive a free copy you can submit a request form [here](#) or use the QR Code below. Please submit your request by January 30, 2025.



When you hear "family," what comes to mind? For some, it's a picture-perfect image, but most families are far more complex, with single parents juggling challenges, adoptive homes redefining belonging, empty nesters navigating new seasons, grandparents stepping in to parent, and spiritual orphans longing for connection. Reimagining Church as

Family explores what Scripture says about family and how God's design extends deeper than our limited definitions. This book calls the church to not only support families but to be family, a spiritual home where every believer belongs and discipleship thrives.





WNAC TRANSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP

Long-time employee and champion of WNAC, Phyllis York, has resigned from her positions as Interim WNAC Director, Administrative Assistant, and Managing Editor of Treasure Bible Study Guide, effective January 30, 2026. Mrs. York has served WNAC for fifteen years, as well as in additional years as an officer of the WNAC Convention.

After much prayer and consideration, the WNAC board is pleased to announce the hiring of Kristi Johnson as Director. Mrs. Johnson is well known in our denomination as an IM missionary to Spain along with her husband Tim.



WELCH WELCOME DAYS

March 26–27, 2026

A 24-hour visit to campus for 9-12 grade as well as undergrad transfers.
Parents and sponsors are encouraged to attend!

Who Should Attend –

- High school students and college transfer students
- Parents are encouraged to come as well

Purpose of the Event

- Designed to give visitors a firsthand experience of life at Welch College
- Helps students make an informed college decision through an immersive campus visit

What Visitors Will Experience

- Sit in on real classes
- Attend chapel
- Tour the campus
- Eat in the cafeteria
- Stay overnight in the dorms
- Participate in special events on Thursday and Friday
- Interact with current students and faculty
- Learn about financial aid and the admissions process

Cost

- The entire weekend is **free**
- Meals, lodging, and event access are all included
- Advance registration is required

Registration

- Separate registration links for students and parents/sponsors
- Registration closes the Sunday before the event



e would like to share your event in the UPDATE!

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