



MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MESSENGER UPDATE



January 6, 2026

For Christ We Strive in 2025

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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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.

Brother Laron Dye of the Journey Community Church submitted the first entry.



CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY

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

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.; 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 in Mississippi.

WHAT IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY?

A yearly observance held on the Sunday closest to January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

- Sunday, January 18, 2026.

Common emphases include:

- The inherent dignity and worth of every human life.
- Support for women and families facing unplanned pregnancies.
- Raising awareness about abortion statistics and alternatives.



A Baby Bottle Campaign is a simple, high-impact fundraiser where participants fill baby bottles with spare change, cash, or checks to support local pregnancy centers and anti-abortion ministries. This effort is raising thousands—even millions—annually for life-affirming services.

- Encouraging churches to partner with local pregnancy help organizations.

Some groups also highlight:

- Adoption and foster care.
- Post-abortion healing.
- Biblical teachings on life

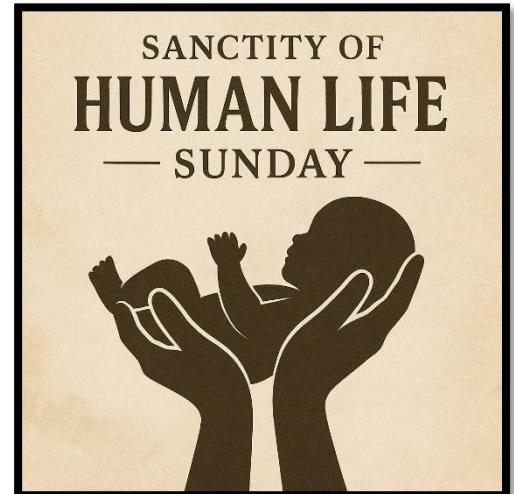
and human dignity.

First proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1984.

Intended to highlight the God-given value of every human life, especially unborn children.

Widely recognized by churches, pregnancy resource centers, and pro-life organizations across the U.S.

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- Biblical teachings on life and human dignity.



- **PONTOTOC AREA MASTER'S MEN** will meet at Bethlehem FWB Church on January 12th at 7:00 PM.
- **SANCTITY 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 luka 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** – **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

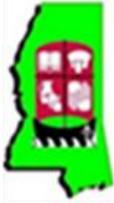
2. **Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church** - Pontotoc, MS, looking for bi-vocational Youth Pastor- Contact Pastor Mike Ratliff @ 662-871-8791
3. **Bethel Free Will Baptist Church** 200 Freewill Church Rd, Richton, MS 39476(South Mississippi FWB Association) Contact: Brother Joel Garner 62 Phillips Nursery 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) 263-7809Mahler Resigns as Welch CFO



We would like to share your event in the UPDATE!

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Continue Your Support in 2026!

**Your prayers, participation, and gifts make a difference.
Let's build a stronger community together in 2026!**

Thank you for being part of our MAFWB family!