



# MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## MESSENGER UPDATE



February 11, 2026

**“Called to Love, Sent to Serve”**

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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### **SLOGAN CHOOSEN BY EXECUTIVE BOARD!**

**“Called to Love,  
Sent to Serve.”**

We look to the readers of the MESSENGER to join in and give us a “Slogan! This Year “Called to Love Sent to Serve” was submitted by Pastor Michael Hutton of the Eggville Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Hutton will be given a gift card

for having his very commendable slogan selected.



**MSAFWB GENERAL  
BOARD MEETS –  
February 10, 2026 @  
Beech Springs FWB  
Church**

Reports by MSAFWB boards and final plans for the state meeting were a part of the agenda led by our Moderator, Dr. Larry Reynolds.



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### **CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY**

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

We were able to return to our regular schedule of services this past week! Praise the Lord!

Special thanks to Bro. Chris Knox for the removal of a tree that had fallen across the parking lot! Also, thanks to everyone for supporting the baby shower. Baby Wilson will be making an appearance soon.

This Sunday, February 15th, we will share a Valentine’s Luncheon following the morning service. We are asking everyone to bring an Italian style dish, salad, and/or 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 worship with us. Service times Sunday mornings are Crosswalk Groups at 9:45 a.m.; Coffee & Donut Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.; and Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday evenings start at 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday Wake Up at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support of Mississippi Missions! 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!

*Pastor Thomas and Lisa Loyd*

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## God's Man Conference - Hamilton FWB Church – Hamilton, Alabama.



**March 6th-7th, 2026**

Cost \$30 (Includes Polo, 2 Meals and Breakfast)

Speakers for this year's conference are Eric Capaci, Tim Baumgarten and Scott Coghill.

### **Friday Night**

5:00pm-6:30pm Registration & Supper

6:30pm 1st Service - Worship, Special Music, and Preaching

7:45pm 2nd service - Worship and Preaching

### **Saturday Morning**

8:00am Breakfast (Biscuits, Donuts, Coffee, and Juice)

9:00am 3rd Service - Worship and Preaching

10:15am Split session - Practical Teaching for Pastors and Laymen

11:15am Final Service - Worship, Special Music, and Preaching

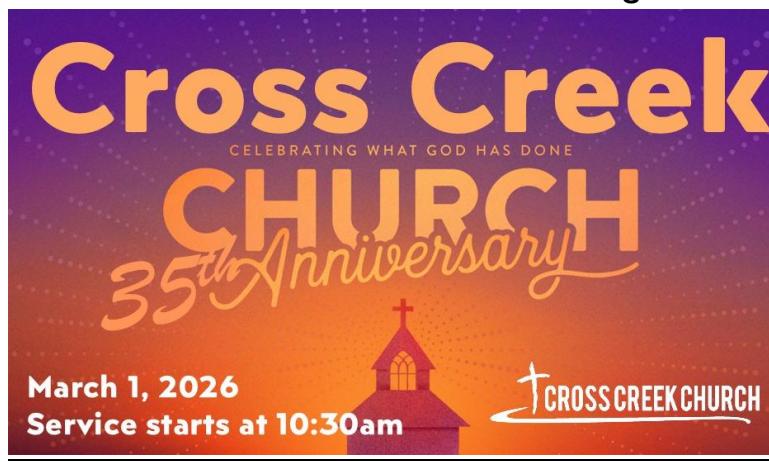
12:30pm Lunch to Go

### **Local Hotels:**

Days Inn. 1849 Military St S, Hamilton, AL 35570 (205) 291-3204

Quality Inn 224 River Rd Dr, Hamilton, AL 35570. (205) 430-2230

- **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.
- **PREACHER FELLOWSHIP** – Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 AM at Beech Springs FWB Church. Pastor John Johnson will bring our devotion.



Cross Creek celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This church was a mission plant by Rev. J.L. Gore in March 1991. Over the years, Rev. Cliff Holland, Rev. Kent Nelson served as Pastors. Rev. Paul Bryant has pastored since 2008.. The church has grown into a multi-ministry in the Olive Branch, MS, a metropolitan area of Memphis, TN.

Prayers for a joyful celebration and a continuing ministry of the Gospel.



## 6th Annual Donut Dash Saturday

**March 7, 2026**

Proceeds go to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home of AL. For more info, registration, or on how to become a sponsor visit the news section of [fwbhome.org](http://fwbhome.org) or contact Mandy Mitchell at 205-924-9751/ [amanda@fwbhome.org](mailto:amanda@fwbhome.org)

Race will be held on the Children's Home campus at 86 Academy Dr, Eldridge, AL.

5k starts at 8:00am ;Fun Run at 9:00am;Donuts at the finish!!!!

Medals for Overall winners and top 3 male and female for each age division.

• **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

• **MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP:**

- Teen Week – May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Week- June 7- 12<sup>th</sup>
- Elementary Week – June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
- June One-Day Camp June 18 or 19



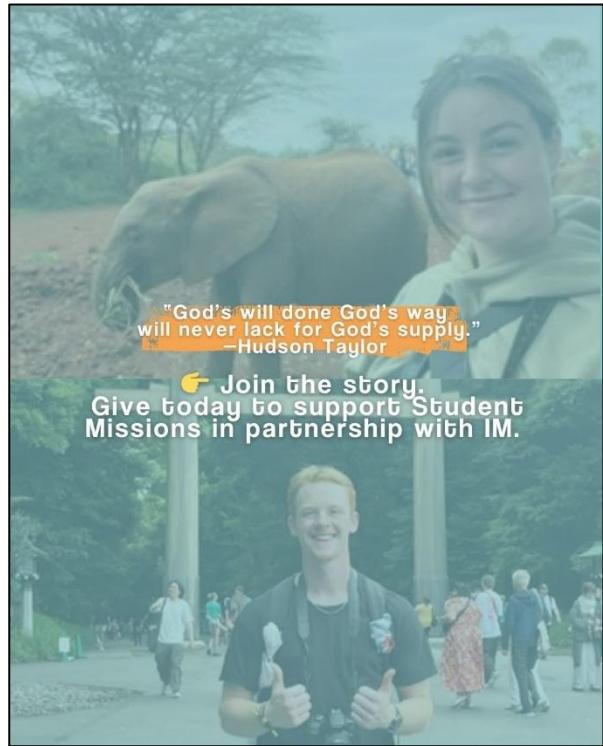
1. **Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church (South MS Association)** 2626 Union Road Richton, MS 39476 Contact Justin Walley 803 Umpqua Road Richton MS 39476 (601) 525-6357

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



Eden & Levi Greer, members of the Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church. They are attending Welch College and have been on numerous mission trips with @imincorg. They have done such a good job with fundraising for all of these opportunities!

Click the link to read more about Eden & Levi's fundraising journey. 



<https://iminc.org/im-news/student-fundraising-ideas-for-mission-trips/>

Help fund ETEAM and CMP students for missions this summer! 

142 students have been accepted for IM's summer missions trips through ETEAM (high school) and CMP (College Missions Program). Students accepted into these programs for this summer have financial deadlines coming up soon, and many still need financial support for their trips. If you've participated in these programs or helped support students in the past, you know firsthand the life-changing impact of these trips. Over 75% of IM missionaries have gone on these short-term opportunities with IM, and many of them answered the call to missions while on these trips.   
We are asking every person to give \$50 to students from your state (or the Student Missions General Fund).

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**We would like to share your event in the UPDATE!**

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