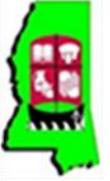




# MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS



## ***MESSENGER UPDATE***

***February 17, 2026***

***"Called to Love, Sent to Serve"***

**THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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

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### **Prayer Request:**

Please continue to pray for Midway Free Will Baptist Church Pastor, Brother Jerry Hooper. He has been hospitalized at Corinth with an intestinal obstruction. He will possibly be released today. He said " please tell everyone that I am grateful for their concern and prayers.



### **CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY**

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

Last Sunday, February 15th, we enjoyed sharing a Valentine's Luncheon with our Crosswalk church family. Special thanks to Sis.

Emilie Wilson for decorating our fellowship area. It was awesome! Also, thank you to all our ladies who prepared food. It was delicious. 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!

*Pastor Thomas and Lisa Loyd*

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### **HISPANIC MINISTRY- Rick Bowling**



**We are now having an opening to affiliate the churches in South Carolina with the State Association.**

**Please continue to pray because our churches need the**

**Free Will Baptist umbrella to be able to function as a church in the United States. We work together as a national for a reason.**



**Thanks for your prayers and support! Mississippi is making a real difference in a lot of Hispanic lives!**

**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.**





Missionary Hannah Goucher was the Guest Speaker for a Special Valentine Service Sunday Morning February 15, 2026 at Poplar Springs FWB Church. Fellowship Meal was enjoyed and a generous Love Offering was received.

## Upcoming Events

**MEETING  
IN THE  
PINEBELT  
Revival**

**FEBRUARY 15-19, 2026**

ROGER DUNCAN

JIM MCCOMAS

MIKE MCCOY

JACOB BERRY

ALAN EPPINETTE

**SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10AM - BRO. ROGER DUNCAN  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6 PM - BRO. ROGER DUNCAN  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7PM - BRO. JIM MCCOMAS  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7PM - BRO. MIKE MCCOY  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7 PM - BRO. JACOB BERRY  
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7PM - BRO. ALLAN EPPINETTE

THE SWORD FAMILY

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
Special Singing by the Sword Family.

Supper will be served at 6pm each evening.  
 A generous love offering will be received nightly.

**TRINITY**  
Free Will Baptist Church  
2290 HWY 63, Waynesboro, MS 39367



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

**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 CAMPS:**
  - **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



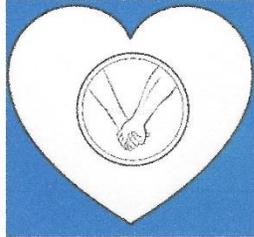
1. **Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church** (South MS Association)2626 Union Road Richton, MS 39476 Contact Justin Walley 803 Umpqua Road Richton MS 39476 (601) 525-6357

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

# Marching for Mississippi Missions

## Marching Together – “Hand and Heart”

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Please place the poster where all can see it and your progress as you fill in the characters.



For each \$20.00 offering, one character should be filled in and your progress celebrated.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9**

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.”

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:9***

***“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor”***

Greetings!

As you know, March is on the way. The new month brings our annual **“March for Mississippi Missions.”** This is our annual emphasis on mission work in Mississippi. This is an important opportunity for fulfilling our responsibility to support missions in our state.

The Mission Board understands its responsibility to our state. We want to have success in our mission work. We are trying to do our part. We also need our people to gather around and help with the work. Every church helps make a difference. Every person can contribute to the work.

We hope, when you receive your poster, that you will put it in a prominent place where the congregation can not only see it, but can also see the progress you are making as you fill in the “marching soldiers.” Each soldier is worth \$20.00 in offering.

Thank you in advance for your help. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and consideration.

Mississippi State Mission Board

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### **MARTIN HILL CHILI/PIE CONTEST**

It was so good to have New Site Baptist and Bro Chuck Kennedy with us for the devotion at our annual chili cookoff



#### **Winners were:**

Mark Walden - Indigestion award

Ayden Johnson - 2nd runner up

Luke Stennett - 1st runner up

Sam Hisaw - CHILI CHAMPION!!

Ladies pie and cake auction raised an unofficial total of about \$1,900!!

Wonderful night on the Hill!!!

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

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