



MISSISSIPPI

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MESSENGER UPDATE

February 3, 2026

For Christ We Strive in 2025



THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

RECOVERING

North Mississippi continues to recover from the devistation wrought by the recent snow/ice storm.

Gratitude is extended to the countless personnel of many of our electrical cooperatives who have worked countless hours to the restoriation of electricity across North Mississippi



LAST CHANCE -TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

We always look to the readers of the MESSENGER to join in and give us a “Slogan”!

This is last opportunity to participate in 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 is selected.



MSAFWB GENERAL BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 9:30AM @ Beech Springs FWB Church



CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY

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

Praise the Lord! We got power back at Crosswalk and our house on Saturday after seven days. We had our worship service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday and are planning to return to our regular schedule this week. Thank you for your prayers!

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.; and Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday evenings start at 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Thomas and Lisa Loyd

HISPANIC MINISTRY- *Rick Bowling*



One of our students just announced that they would launch the Connect Free Will Baptist church in Twin Falls Idaho the first of April. We have had the mission works in the Idaho area for years. Now, they have only a few American members and are near to having to close. Now, Pastor Arron and his family will take the pastorate and pastor the English-speaking members and open a Hispanic

congregation! Thanks for your prayers for this ministry and we ask you to continue to pray! The gospel is still being preached in Twin Falls. Hallelujah!!

Thanks Mississippi for your faithfulness!



- **THE NEMSFWB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – meets Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:30 PM at Beech Springs FWB Church.



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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 2nd @ 10:30 AM at Beech Springs FWB Church. Pastor John Johnson will bring our devotion.
- **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**



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



We would like to share your event in the UPDATE!

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