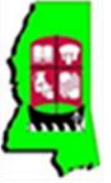




MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS



MESSENGER UPDATE

March 31, 2026

“Called to Love, Sent to Serve”

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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

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PRAYER REQUEST

- Continue in prayer for Pastor Jack Whitley, his family and congregation at New Lebanon FWB Church.

From his wife Rhonda, “The doctor is very optimistic! Tumor should be relatively “easy” to remove. It’s a meningioma. (A large one). **Surgery is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd.** Recovery 4-6 weeks. Please keep praying that surgery will be uneventful and symptoms can stay well in check until it comes out”! Today she commented when I told her that there has never/ever been as much response to the MSAFWB FB as the response about Brother Whitley! She commented on the response that has been shown, *“We have definitely felt ALL the love and prayers!! We have the best family and friends and are so thankful for you all”!*



- Midway FWB Church Pastor Jerry Hooper and his wife Eulene need our prayer. He is still recovering from a recent hospitalization for an intestine obstruction and she is anticipating returning to M D Anderson for treatments.
- *Continuing to pray-MSAFWB Missions Treasurer, George Kimbrough’s wife, Kay, received a clean P.E.T. scan in December from stage 4 liver cancer. Another scan this month shows its back again. She’ll be starting chemo treatments on the 24th.*



CROSSWALK – NEW ALBANY

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

We had a great service with Mt. Pisgah FWB Church this past Sunday morning! Thank you to Bro. Glenn Jones and the Mt. Pisgah church family for remembering “March for Mississippi Missions” and for your hospitality. The meal was absolutely delicious. You, as always, did a great job! We love you and appreciate all you do.



We are looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ this Sunday. He is risen! Amen! Communion will be observed this Sunday during the morning service.

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.; 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.

Pastor Thomas and Lisa Loyd

HISPANIC MINISTRY- Rick Bowling

Brother Rick Bowling and the Hispanic Ministry. Mississippi Free Will Baptist's



partnership is positively impacting many families. Our continued involvement is essential to its success and service within the Hispanic community.



This was the first Hispanic Recap meeting NAM has ever had. We had about ten pastors and their families participating! The Hispanic ministry has come a long way! Thanks to Mississippi for all that God has done in the ministry! There is a lot more to be done! Less than one hundred Free Will Baptist churches working with eighty-three million people! Let's keep up the work!

JOIN US FOR A FREE
EGG HUNT
 SPONSORED BY CONNECT CHURCH
APRIL 4 • 11AM
 PRIZES • FACE PAINTING
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JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EASTER EGG HUNT AT VETERANS PARK ON APRIL 4, 2026 GATES OPEN AT 10:00 A.M. WITH FACE PAINTING AND INFLATABLES. THE EGG HUNT BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 11:00 A.M. AND IS OPEN TO CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE. BRING YOUR BASKETS AND ENJOY A FUN AND FESTIVE MORNING!

Easter Sunday
HE IS RISEN!

BEECH SPRINGS FWB CHURCH

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESSURECTION

- Sunrise Service – 7:00 AM -@ Natchez Trace overlook – I-22
- Breakfast 7:45 @ Fellowship Hall
- No Sunday school
- Easter Worship @ 11:00 AM

Sunrise Service - 7:00 AM @ overlook at I-22 & Natchez Trace


Breakfast 7:45 AM @ Fellowship Hall

No Sunday School

Easter Worship @ 11:00 AM

THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION
SUNRISE SERVICE
 Hosted by Martin Hill FWB Church
 April 5 Easter Sunday 7:00 AM
 Breakfast served afterwards.
 Come and celebrate
OUR RISEN SAVIOR!

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST WILL HAVE SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:00 Am with breakfast to follow

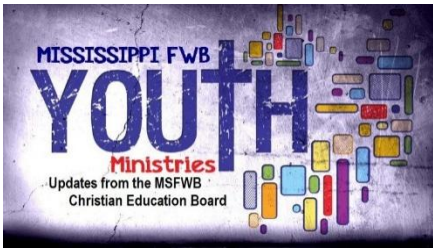


**PREACHER
FELLOWSHIP**

**MONDAY, April 6th
@ 10:30 AM**

**BEECH SPRINGS FREE
WILL BAPTIST**

**Devotion Prayer
Lunch at local
restaurant**



State Youth Competition will be held at Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church April 11th at 9am.

- Registration Deadline was March 15th.

MASTER'S MEN MEETING

APRIL 13, 2026

Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church

7:00 PM



A Meal Will Be Served!



2026 MSAFWB ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting will be held **April 17 & 18, 2026** at Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Friday, April 17:

- . 8:15 am—Registration
 - . 9:00 am—Session 1
 - . 10:10 am—Break
 - . 10:30 am—Session 2
 - . 2:00 pm—State Business
 - . 7:00 pm —A special time of Worship including music from members across our state - led by Rev. Paul Bryant
- Speaker: Rev. David Taylor

After Evening Service Ladies' Fellowship: All ladies are encouraged to attend a few special moments of fellowship together with coffee, cookies, and prayer.

Saturday, April 18:

- 9:00 am—Business Resumes
 - 10:15 am—Recess
 - 10:30 am to 11:15 am—Session 4: Rev. David Taylor
- Adjourn

Rev. David Harper will be our guest speaker. David answered the call to preach in 1983. He pastored three churches, one each in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Arkansas

Along with his pastoral duties; he has served his districts and states at both the local and national levels. Since January 2016 he has served Arkansas FWBs as their state promotional director. He currently serves on the NAFWB Executive Committee.

He holds a Master of Biblical Studies degree from Rocky Mountain Baptist College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Randall University. He is married to Debe Jernigan Taylor. In May they will celebrate their 53rd anniversary. They have two adult children and eight grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, woodworking, and golf.

2026 MSAFWB MEETING

April 17-18, 2026
Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church
Tupelo/Salttilo MS

Rev. David Taylor

New Opportunities are Opening Up in Latin America!



Panama has a FWB couple who are working as chaplains in a Christian school in **El Salvador**, and they are now seeing baptisms and sensing a call to plant a church.



We have heard that there is a FWB church in **Costa Rica** and that they would be interested in partnering with us to expand their work in the country.



Free Will Baptists from Virginia have started a language institute in the **Dominican Republic** to teach English as a second language. This would help students become better prepared for the job market. They have requested that we partner with them.



There is already one FWB church in **Honduras** that has preaching points in four or five outlying areas. Panamanian FWBs are exploring how to come alongside them to expand other church plants.



comes alongside partnership countries to facilitate:

- Evangelism
- Church Planting
- Discipleship
- Youth Camps
- Hope Centers
- Impact Projects
- Bible Training of Leaders & Pastors
- Other Benevolent Ministries

Give to Partnerships!

On the return slip, write "IM Global Partners" to designate your gift amount.
Mail your gift to P.O. Box 5002 | Antioch, TN, 37011.
You can also give online at www.iminc.org/give.



Funds can be sent through MTW or directly to

Morganwood Youth Camp, 385 COUNTY ROAD 1371,
Booneville, MS 38829.

If you have any questions about Morganwood, feel free to call @ 209-380-0505.

Yours in His Service,
RYAN SMITH
Camp Administrator

VOLUNTEER & STAFF TRAINING DATES

MARCH 14th: 9am-1pm

APRIL 25th: 9am-1pm

Save \$25 Register Online By May 1st

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

HELP US UPGRADE MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP!

WE NEED AT LEAST 10 CHURCHES WHO WILL DONATE \$500 EACH TO HELP US **BUY NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS!**

Consider donating \$500 towards the purchase of new tables and chairs for **Morganwood Youth Camp!**

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR YOUTH CAMPERS!

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Colossians 2: 6-7

ROOTED *in* CHRIST PRUNED TO BLOOM

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
9:00 AM



Guest Speaker

MADELINE
WALLEY

BETHEL
FWB

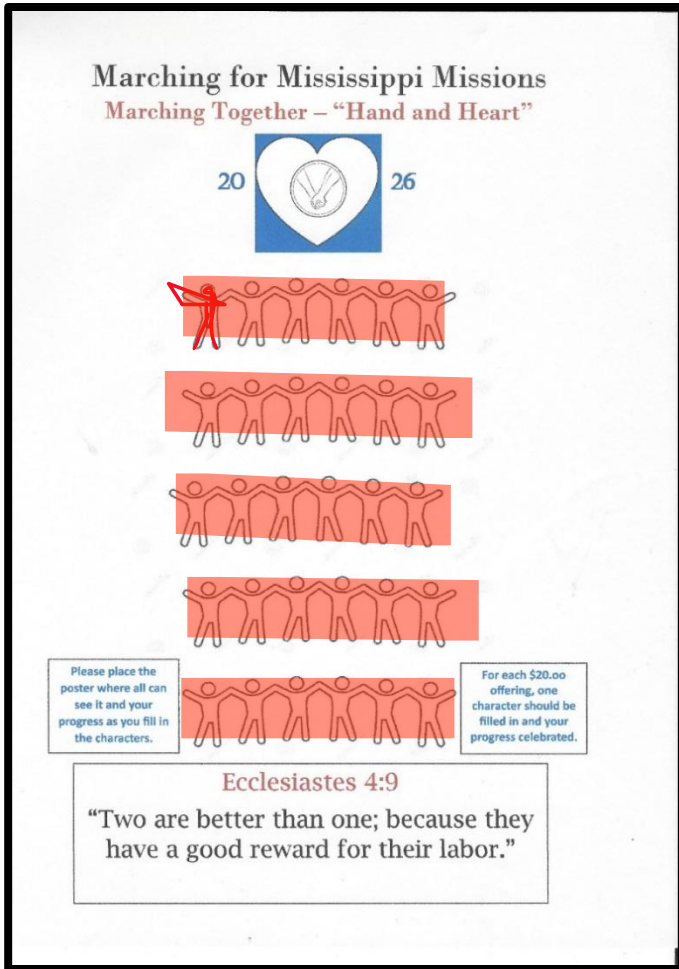
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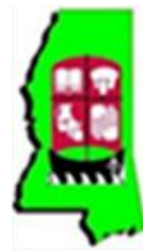
1. **Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church** (South MS Association) 2626 Union Road Richton, MS 39476 Contact Justin Walley 803 Umpqua Road Richton MS 39476 (601) 525-6357
2. **Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church** - Pontotoc, MS, looking for bi-vocational Youth Pastor- Contact Pastor Mike Ratliff @ 662-871-8791
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.

Our annual ***“March for Mississippi Missions.”*** is coming to a close. This is our annual emphasis on mission work in Mississippi. This is an important opportunity for fulfilling our responsibility to support missions in our . Please forward your offering to our



**MSAFWB Financial Director –
Rev. Steve Nichols
304 Hwy 348
Guntown, MS 38849**

**or the Mission Board Treasurer,
George Kimbrough
841 Winward Dr.
Richland, MS 30218**



For information about registration for the National Convention, use the code.



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We have been making updates on our church information on our website. PLEASE CLICK ON THE ABOVE LINK AND CHECK THE INFORMATION – SEND CORRECTIONS TO



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