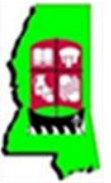




MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS



MESSENGER UPDATE

April 14, 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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Mississippi Free Will Baptist State Meeting

Friday Night Service

Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church

7pm



Rev. David Taylor speaking
Executive Director, Arkansas Free Will Baptists

The worship service will feature special music with singers from around the state, great congregational singing, and powerful preaching!



Join Us After Service

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

Ladies

Coffee & Cookies
in the Fellowship Hall



Men

Coffee & Snacks
in the West Wing



Enjoy this time with brothers and sisters from across our state!

PRAYER REQUEST



- **NEW LIFE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR JOHNNY COOK**
Brother Cook was hospitalized in NMMC in Tupelo on Monday with a severe infection related to a diabetic wound. Phone conversation at noon he said “I’m feeling much better”

- **PASTOR JACK WHITLEY** is rejoicing that he is home recovering from surgery for the removal of a brain tumor which was not cancerous.

There is a video posted on the New Lebanon FWB Church Facebook page.

- **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 Crosswalk Free Will Baptist Church in New Albany!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Mississippi State Association meeting this Friday and Saturday! Please drive carefully!

We are planning to place around 350 invitations and door hangars to promote our Family & Friend Day on Saturday, May 2nd. We will meet at Crosswalk at 10:00 a.m. If you could bring a group to help canvas an area, please let me know. This will be face to face, door to door, and require a good amount of walking.

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.

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

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.

We have just ordained two more Hispanic pastors in Smyrna Tennessee . This is part of Dr Rufo Gomez ministry in



Tennessee and Kentucky! One of the Pastors will be going to Vera Cruz Mexico to start a Free Will Baptist mission work and the other Pastor will be pastoring in Tennessee.



This is a good sign that there is a continuing future in the Hispanic ministry in the United



States and throughout Latin America! Thanks to Mississippi God is doing a great work for Free Will Baptist and more important the kingdom of God ! Thanks again for your FAITHFULNESS!!

Let's keep up the work!

Welcome to Beech Springs FWB



Even though I misspelled “Welcome” last issue, it doesn’t diminish the WELCOME we extend to you! As Pastor at Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church we’re extending a warm welcome to attend our upcoming Mississippi FWB Association meeting that we are hosting.

An uplifting worship service has been planned for Friday evening starting at 7:00 PM. Afterwards there will be refreshments for the women in our fellowship hall and coffee and cookies for the men in our Children’s Church area.

Pray for and encourage your members to attend and be actively involved in the support of our association. **We are BETTER TOGETHER.**

There are plenty of venues in our area to accommodate attendees. If we can assist, please let us know!



Pastor Dennis F. Kizzire

New Life Free Will Baptist Church

HOMECOMING

May 3rd at 10:30AM

Guest Singers:
The Hudson Family

REVIVAL

May 4th – 9th
7:00 Nightly

Dr. Gerald Gann will be preaching

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!



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

Colossians 2: 6-7

ROOTED *in* CHRIST

PRUNED TO BLOOM

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
9:00 AM



Guest Speaker
**MADELINE
WALLEY**

**BETHEL
FWB**
200 Free Will Church Road
Richton, MS 39467

More Information (601) 964-0510




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



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.



Welch Announces Search for a Dean of Students

For Immediate Release

GALLATIN, TN—Welch College is seeking a Dean of Students with a strong commitment to student development, spiritual formation, and campus community life to provide leadership across all areas of student services.

The Dean of Students will report to Dr. Daniel Webster, Vice President of Administration and Student Engagement. This individual will provide strategic direction and day-to-day oversight for student life, ensuring that programs, policies, and practices align with the mission and values of Welch College.

To read the full news release, [click here](#).

Join Us!

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**

[Church and Pastor Information | Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists](#)



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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