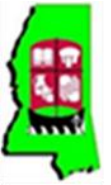




# MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS



## ***MESSENGER UPDATE***

***April 21, 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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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



*Zoe Robinson*  
JULY 3, 2003 - APRIL 16, 2026

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**  
WED APRIL 22, 2026 | AT 7:00 PM  
Celorio Hall at Welch College  
1045 Bison Trail, Gallatin

*In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Welch College in Zoe's memory.*

### **PRAYER REQUEST**

- **Zoe Robinson Family** – Zoe was a student at Welch College working on her master’s degree. She was found unresponsive in her dorm room last week.

- **NEW LIFE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR JOHNNY COOK**

Brother Cook was hospitalized in NMMC in Tupelo with a severe infection related to a diabetic wound. He was released on Friday and is following up with doctors’ appointments. Thanks everyone for their prayers!

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

- **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 indicated its back again. She’ll be starting chemo treatments on the 24<sup>th</sup>.* **CROSSWALK –**

### **NEW ALBANY**

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



The state meeting was awesome! Thank you to Bro. Dennis Kizzire and the Beech Springs FWBC family for hosting us. Thank you to Bro. David Taylor for being our guest speaker.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the music program. Thank you to all the folks representing national and state ministries. You all did a great job! Thank you for attending. It was a blessing to see you again!

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*



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### **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.

Pastor Aaron and his family launched the new mission work Connect Church Hispanic in Twin Falls, Idaho the first of April. He was one of our first graduates of the NAM Hispanic Bible Institute in Greenville North Carolina. If it were not for Mississippi none of this would be happening! I say that a lot, but it is true and you need to know!



Thanks for all your prayers and support! Let's keep it going there is a lot more to be done!!!

Let's keep up the work!

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## 62ND SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



We were blessed to have present in our 2026 MSAFWB meeting many of our National Association offices represented. We are thankful for Dr. Eddie Moody, our Executive Secretary's attendance and an encouraging and challenging report. Thanks to Rev. Paul Bryant for organizing and leading a great time of worship on Friday evening attended by at least 130. Dr. Moody said "What a wonderful time it was to be at the 62nd Session of the **Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists!** Thank you to Pastor **Dennis Kizzire** and **Beech Springs Free Will Baptist Church** for being such great hosts. Thank you, Dr. Larry Reynolds, for leading a great meeting, and David Taylor for bringing challenging messages."



### Comment by Nell Trull

*What a blessing to be able to share with our sister church ladies at our State Association Meeting. A big thank you to Sherry Reynolds & Carla Greer for putting this together. Enjoyed getting to know Kristi Johnson (our WNAC Director) & Hannah Goucher (missionary to Japan). Great inspiration for the ladies of our state to come together again as we as women minister for our Lord & Savior!"*



"Attending the Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists meeting this past weekend was such a great experience," says Kristi Johnson, Director of FWB Women's Ministries-





WNAC. "I loved seeing how God brought people together through intergenerational worship, state reports, and excellent preaching by David Taylor. One highlight was spending time with the Mississippi Women Active for Christ over coffee and cookies. There's nothing like lattes and chocolate chips to make ministry even sweeter!"



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



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

**THERE WILL BE A WAC MEETING AT THE BETHEL FWB CHURCH IN SOUTH MS ON MAY 2. WE ARE HOPING WE CAN HAVE LADIES FROM ACROSS OUR STATE ATTEND THIS MEETING. WE ARE PRAYING THE LORD WILL MOVE AMONG US IN A MIRACULOUS WAY! IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW OR CALL 601-735-8087.**

## **SOUTH MS YOUTH CAMP**

South MS Youth Camp, Junior Camp is June 7th -12th Bro. Jarrod West will be the Director. Teen Camp is Directed by Brother Jarrod Vanderslice June 14th - 19th, Bro Logan Sword will be the Evangelist.

Everyone is invited to come join us in an old fashioned camp meeting for both weeks.

**Preregistration for both weeks needs to be turned in by May 14th.** For registration

information call Josh West @ 601-410-1762, for Jr camp, or Jarrod Vanderslice @ 918-623-6888.



JOIN US FOR  
**2026**  
**JUNIOR CAMP**  
**LIFE WITH JESUS IS SWEET**  
**JUNE 7-12 2026**  
 Director- Josh West  
 Evangelist- Bro. Jarrod Vanderslice  
**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**MAY 14, 2026**  
 Contact Shala West to Register  
 601-580-2214  
 Clara51\_6@yahoo.com



South Mississippi Free Will Baptist  
**TEEN CAMP 2026**  
**PREPARING THE VESSEL**  
 — 2 Chronicles 7:14 —  
**JUNE 14-19**  
 ★ **EVANGELIST LOGAN SWORD** ★  
 Director Jarrod Vanderslice  
**Cost: \$125 per camper**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**MAY 14, 2026**  
 ★ Morning Bible Classes  
 ★ Fun Team Competitions  
 ★ Worship Services  
 ★ Campfire & Night Games  
 Contact Shala at 601.580.2214 or Clara51\_6@yahoo.com to register.



Mississippi FWB  
**Ministers & Wives**  
**RETREAT 2026**  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Hyatt Place**  
**Ridgeland, MS**  
 David & Kathey Crowe  
**Early Registration Rate by JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$290 per room**  
 Registration Rate by August 15<sup>th</sup>  
**\$325 per room**  
 Rate includes room, breakfast, conference, and dinner on Thursday  
**EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION** →   
 Enjoy a time of refreshing as we  
 Focus on Encouragement and Fellowship

Thursday	
Check in	3pm
Session 1	6pm
Dinner Together	7:35pm
Friday	
Session 2	9am
Session 3	10:30am
Free time	
Saturday	
Session 4	9am

## 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**

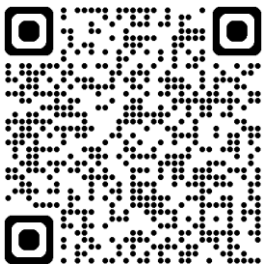
 **April 25th: 9am-1pm**



**MY CAMP**  
★ MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP ★

**Save \$25**  
Register Online  
By May 1<sup>st</sup>

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**



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.

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

Some are being processed since corrected information was shared at the meeting last week.



**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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