The Vision



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Eastgate FWB Church

The Eastgate FWB Church family took a picture on Sunday morning, February 17, to send to one of their own, Ginger Carlton, who is undergoing chemo treatments for leukemia. Pastor Robert Breneman and the church sent the picture to Ginger to encourage her as she going through chemo treatments.





New Hope Association

Moderator Michael Morrison led the New Hope Association through their morning of business. The Association met for their annual meeting at the Mt. Bethel FWB Church, March 16.

Rev. Charles Barnard of Harvest Child Care Ministries shared about the children's home in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, as well as sharing the morning message: "We Cannot Quit." Rev. Morrison preached the memorial sermon entitled, "Finish the Race."

This association has been a faithful supporter of Coop and ACTS 1:8.



Crawford Ordination

Pastor Lynn Crawford had the joy of preaching the ordination service for his son, Alex, on Sunday, February 17.

Alex is a graduate of Welch College and is working in the New Horizon FWB Church with youth.

During the morning worship hour, Alex and his wife Camille dedicated their baby boy, Jaxon. Pastor/Grandfather Lynn had the privilege of leading this service as well.

Executive Secretary Nominee

After a lengthy search process, the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists has introduced 51-year-old North Carolina native, Dr. Edward E. Moody, Jr., as candidate for executive secretary of the denomination. The position will be vacated following Keith Burden's retirement in September. Pending approval by the General Board, delegates to the 2019 National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, will vote on Moody's confirmation as Burden's successor during the annual business session.

Dr. Moody has been pastor of Tippett's Chapel FWB Church in Clayton, North Carolina, since 2000. He is professor of counselor education and associate dean of the School of Education at North Carolina Central University, where he has served since 1995. Dr. Moody is additionally vice-chairman of the Welch College Board of Trustees.

A licensed professional counselor supervisor and health services provider, the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of North Carolina named Moody Counselor of the Year in 2016. He holds a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in counselor education, an M.A. from Middle Tennessee State University in clinical psychology, and a B.A. from Welch College in pastoral training.

Moody is author of *Surviving Culture, First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times*, and the *First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts* training series, along with numerous professional journal and magazine articles.

Eddie and his wife Lynne have two children, Mack-enzie and Mitchell.





Dr. Edward E. Moody, Jr., Candidate, Executive Secretary, National Association of Free Will Baptists

Coming Events

April 11-13	Welcome Days @ Welch College
April 21	EASTER Sunday
April 27	State CTS Expo @ Union Grove FWB
April 28	WMO Sunday
May 20-21	Arkansas State Meeting @ Camp Beaverfork
June 2-6	Teen Camp @ Camp Beaverfork
June 9-13	Junior High Camp @ Camp Beaverfork
June 16-22	Kids Camp (split week) @ Camp Beaverfork
July 21-24	NAFWB Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

2019 Nomination Schedule Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Executive Board

*Kevin Barnett (2019

Kendall Ross (2019)

<u>Nominee</u>

Nelson Henderson

Kendall Ross

Mission Board

*Kevin Jewell (2019)

*Blaine Rogers (2019)

Jim Walker (2021) resigned

Ron Parker

Bobby Shepherd

Jeff Holland

Christian Education Board

*Travis Alexander (2019)

Doug Jones (2019)

Tim Campbell
Doug Jones

Youth Board

Jamey Cowgill (2019)

*Bret Morris (2019)

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State Officers

Moderator (Nelson Henderson)

Asst Mod (Tim Landers)

Clerk (Wendell Leckbee)

Asst Clerk (Keith Bowden)

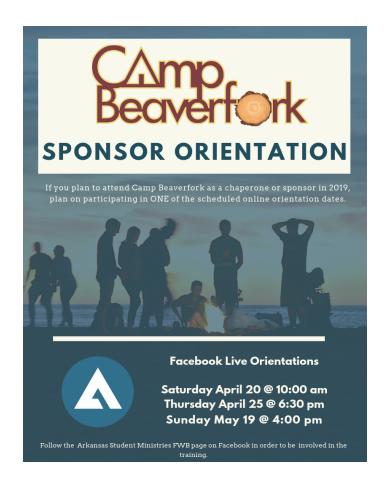
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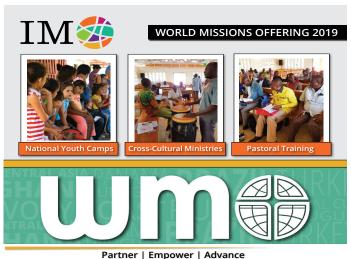
Randall University Trustee

Kendall Ross (2019-2021 term) Kendall Ross

*ineligible for reelection

Note: nominations may be made from the floor at the State meeting.









2019 GOALS

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES: 450

OTAL OFFERING: \$650,000

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Arkansas State Meeting

The 122nd Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists will be held at Camp Beaverfork, May 20-21, 2019. Moderator Nelson Henderson will lead the two days of worship, fellowship, and business.

This year's theme is "I Believe." The program is as follows:

Monday, May 20th

2:00-3:00 pm: Dr. Brad Ransom, FWB North American Ministries, The Biblical Mandate for Church Planting

3:00-4:00 pm: Dr. Brad Ransom & Church Planter Steve Schmidt, Partnership for Church Planting

7:00 pm: Worship Pastor Will Harmon, Cavanaugh FWB Church, What We Believe About Christ

Tuesday, May 21st

8:45 am: Business, Moderator Nelson Henderson

11:00 am: Worship, Pastor Danny O'Neal, New Sulphur FWB Church, What We Believe About the Church

1:30 pm: Business, Moderator Nelson Henderson

7:00 pm: Worship, Pastor Scott Warren, Union Grove FWB Church, What We Believe About Our Commission





BISHOPS

Pray for us as we are stepping into pastoring a church here in Ebetsu, Japan starting the first of April.

CULWELLS

We have been in Japan for 4 months, we are getting settled and are excited about Hope Alive and the potiential that we have to reach out to the Japanese people.

SPEERS

We are so excited to return to Japan on Feb. 26th! Please pray for a good transition for our family (especially the girls), as we readjust to life on the field and begin our search for a place to live.

SHANE & JOY

We recently hosted an "English Board Games" day in an effort to further relationships with the North African community where they live and minister.

Pray for Shane and Larry*, a man from North Africa, as they meet weekly for a Discovery Bible study. Pray that Larry's mind and heart will be open to what the Lord has to say to him through the study of the Word. *Not his real name.

HUBBARDS

We launched the church on January 13, and in the less than two shorts months we have seen 14 people indicate that they want to begin a relationship with Jesus Christ!

EDGMONS

Greetings from Alpedrete, Spain. Our family and our teammates, the Johnsons, are starting a brand new outreach in a neighboring pueblo. This beautiful town of 14,000 people has no gospel preaching church. We are starting English conversation classes in a local restaurant to begin building relationships. Please pray God will bring those hungry for His Word to these events.

MCDONALDS

So far in 2019, we have shared with groups in TN, AR, MO, GA, OH, and FL. It's truly been a blessing to see long-time friends and to make new ones. We are hoping to head back to Japan in July and praying that God will supply the additional monthly support we need in order to do so.

LANCASTERS

Please pray for the continued success of our English outreach. Over the summer we have been able to speak the Gospel into the lives of several new people. One of the neatest things is that I'm meeting with the 86 year old father of one of the ladies in Tammy's ladies group. Please pray for this outreach as we plant a church in our neighborhood.



WAC State Meeting

The date was Saturday, March 9. The theme for the day was "<u>Intentional</u>." The weather forecast called for severe thunderstorms. The rain fell in torrents, the wind blew hard, the lightning cracked and the

thunder rolled. However, none of it stopped the sixty-six who were <u>intentional</u> about attending the Arkansas Women Active for Christ State Meeting. Umbrellas were left open to dry and raincoats were hung over the backs of chairs. The music began. Early on we knew that the Lord was going to meet with us in the sanctuary on top of the hill at Camp Beaverfork. Led by the worship team (Shari Alexander, Amber Haskins and Amy Morris), we sang uplifting songs to rid our hearts of the gloominess and prepare us for the day.

After welcoming the congregation, President Lisa Bowden asked David Taylor, Arkansas State Executive Director, to give greetings to the ladies. David thanked the AWAC for their faithful giving to Acts 1:8, announcing that in 2018, the ladies gave just shy of \$12,000 to the cause. He also challenged the ladies to broaden the ministry of AWAC to include mentoring young women to open their hearts to accepting God's calling on the young man they might marry, and embrace his ministry for Christ.

During the missionary share time, veteran missionary Tom Jones thanked the attendees for their dedication to support their missionary endeavors for the past 24 years. He announced that the second church, started in the Pittsburg area, will be going self-supporting in April.

Sharing from the Hispanic ministry of Star City, Heather Gonzalez told of the many doors the Lord has been opening for/to them. After a delicious brunch, served by the Fellowship District, the delegates gathered to conduct business. On behalf of WNAC, Jane Campbell shared a report from Executive Secretary Elizabeth Hodges. She commended the ladies for their giving to WNAC and Missions. In 2018,

Arkansas was #1 in giving to missions/ministry causes and #2 in giving to WNAC.

The body voted to adopted Arkansas Student Ministries as the 2019 Mission Project. Our 2019 Service Project will be Camp Beaverfork. (For more information concerning both of these projects, please contact Lisa Bowden.)

Honoring seven women (including Missionary Bessie Richards) who had passed from our midst, the "Memorial Moment" was presented by Brenda Housley. A prayer of thankfulness for the influence of these women was offered by Bonita Hill.

Once again, the Worship Team led in uplifting and powerful songs of praise.

Emphasizing our theme "Intentional," Amy Morris shared the song "Not Too Far From Here." With the words of the song still fresh in our minds, Pam Jones declared the Word of God from Luke 10:27. She shared that each of us should live our lives as intentionally as the Good Samaritan lived his. He intentionally gave of his time; he intentionally cared with compassion; and he intentionally shared his resources. Pam closed by thanking the Arkansas women for their intentional and faithful support of the work in Pittsburg. In appreciation, she and Tom presented Lisa Bowden with a beautiful plaque for Arkansas Women Active for Christ.

As we left "the hill" and headed home, there was rejoicing in the hearts of all who attended. Without a doubt, the Lord had met with us.









AWAC Presidents' Luncheon

Arkansas WAC President Lisa Bowden welcomed 23 ladies to the 15th annual Presidents' Luncheon held at First FWB Church, Conway, and hosted by the WAC Executive Committee. The theme is Relative."

President Bowden opened by reminding that the definition of "relative" is "something connected, relevant, or dependent on something else." She urged the attendees, as Christian women, to use their time and energy on what is relative, making sure that what we think is relative is what God thinks is relative.



After mentioning that God and the church are both relative, Bowden narrowed it down to "what is relative in WAC?" She identified some specifics such as spiritual growth, missons, service to others, leadership, inclusion of others, and love.



Dates for upcoming AWAC events included the State Meeting (March 9) with Pam Jones, missionary to Pennsylvania as the speaker; the WNAC Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio (July 21-24); and the State WAC retreat at Camp Beaverfork (September 20-21).

The following reminders were shared: dues are due by April 1; local secretary reports are due by October 10; and district secretary reports are due by November 10.

State CTS Expo

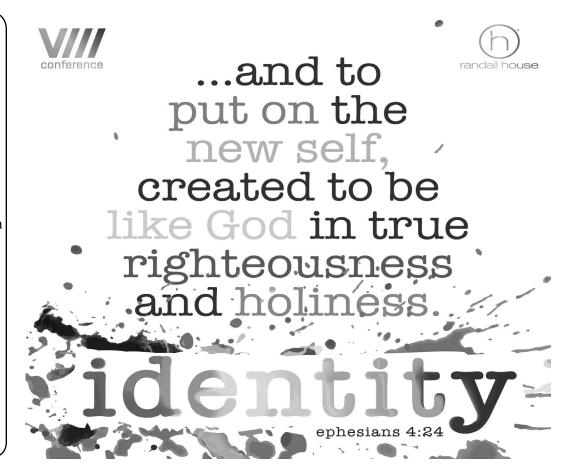
<u>Date</u>: April 27, 2019

<u>Where</u>: Union Grove FWB Church

Doors Open: 8:30 am

Registration forms due: April 3, 2019

Mail forms to: Camp Beaverfork, 150 Beaverfork Road, Conway, AR 72032



State Meeting Housing

May 20-21, 2019

Comfort Inn & Suites

2370 Sanders Road
Conway, AR
501.513.4989

\$79.00 (plus tax) Two Queens
Free Breakfast Buffet

Fairfield Inn & Suites

2260 Sanders Road Conway, AR 501.505.8094

\$94.00 (plus tax) One King or two Queens Free Breakfast Buffet

Hilton Garden Inn

805 Amity Road Conway, AR 501.329.1444

\$109.00 (plus tax) One King or two Queens Free Breakfast Buffet

NOTES:

Ask for the Arkansas Free Will Baptist group rate.

Online reservations are available for Fairfield Inn & Suites.

Contact Diana at diana@arfwb.org for more information about this option.

Reservations need to be made by April 10th to enjoy these rates.



2019 CONVENTION PRAYER LIST

- 1 Safety of travel for all those attending the convention
- **2** Good health and effective leadership of meeting planners and volunteers
- **3** A good working relationship and testimony with workers and citizens of Cincinnati (convention center personnel, security officers, hotel staff, vendors, etc.)
- **4** Speakers at all convention worship services, seminars, and workshops
- **5** Musicians (vocal/instrumental) leading worship for services
- 6 Interpreters (Spanish & hearing impaired)
- 7 Production team members

- 8 Participants in the V3 CTS Ministry Expo events.
- **9** Impact Cincinnati and Serve the City service projects
- IO Onsite Registration and the Exhibit Hall
- 11 Smooth, effective operation of the shuttle buses
- 12 Convention Business Sessions
- **13** A godly, positive, Christ-like attitude for all workers and attendees
- 14 Churches while pastors are away

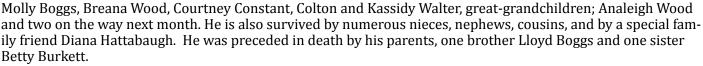
THE EFFECTUAL, FERVENT
PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN
AVAILETH MUCH.
JAMES 5:16

Arkansas Minister with the Lord

Ray Boggs, 81, of Mansfield, Arkansas passed away February 4, 2019 at his home. He was born September 20, 1937 in Abbott, Arkansas to the late Gamey and Mabel (Cagle) Boggs.

Ray started preaching on April 11, 1967, and continued to minister until the day God called him home. He pastored small churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma including Boles, Freedom, Lamb, Shady Grove, Tyro, Maple, Norris and Cottonwood. Even though he was ordained in the Free Will Baptist faith, his love for his Lord and Savior knew no denomination. Ray ministered through his "Pilgrim Way" radio broadcast and numerous revivals throughout Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. From a church pulpit or a hospital bed, he was a true Pilgrim who wandered through his life seeking lost souls he could share the Gospel with. He was loved by many and his family is glad they could share him with you for his season on this earth.

Ray is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margie Boggs of the home, two children; Gene Boggs and wife Christy of Lepanto, Arkansas, Beverly Walter and husband Travis of Greenwood, Arkansas, five grandchildren;



Memorial services were held 1:00 p.m. Saturday February 9, 2019 at the Assembly of God Church in Huntington, Arkansas.





Make plans now to attend the 2019 Power Conference sponsored by North American Ministries. Enjoy messages themed around "God and Country" from Dr. Joe Arthur and COL CH Kerry Steedley, with music by Aaron Wilburn and One Focus. Women's sessions will be led by Debe Taylor. Additional breakout sessions will feature Dr. Brad Ransom, Ken Akers, Rick Bowling, Ken Simpson, Jason Taylor, Jeff Goodman, and more!

For more info: www.FWBNAM.com or 615-760-6132



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May this up and coming generation be the best prepared to reach the world with the Gospel because of the investment we make in their lives.

D6 DOORPOSTS

- The Bible is God's Word.
- God is a personal, spiritual being.
- · God created the universe and everything in it.
- I am a special creation of God, with an eternal soul.
- I am engaged in a spiritual warfare.
- · Sin brought death and destruction into the world.
- Bad things happen because the world is a sinful place.
- I cannot save myself, I need a Savior.
- God offers salvation and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ.
- God established the home to make disciples and transfer the faith.
- God established the church to make disciples and transfer the faith.
- Jesus Christ is the Sovereign Lord of all.

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Pulpits Filled

Congratulations to the following churches on finding a new pastor:

Oak Lane FWB, Harrison ... Mike Hutsell