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# TheVision

## HEALTHY CHURCHES



### WHAT'S BENEATH THE SURFACE?

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### **2018 Program**

121st Session of the  
Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists  
May 21-22, 2018  
Camp Beaverfork | Conway, AR

## 2018 Arkansas State Meeting

Arkansas Free Will Baptist State will meet at Camp Beaverfork on **May 21-22, 2018** for the 121st time. This year's theme, "Church Health: What's Beneath the Surface?", will be developed by three state pastors,

Monday evening: Rev. Jim Walker, "The Importance of Roots; A Healthy Church's Foundation."  
 Tuesday morning: Rev. Andy Haskins, "The Impact of Roots; A Healthy Church Flourishing."  
 Tuesday afternoon: Rev. Joseph Hall (devotion).  
 Tuesday evening: Rev. Jamey Cowgill, "The Investment of Roots; A Healthy Church's Future."

Each worship service will be lead by a group from three of our state churches-- Monday night, First FWB North Little Rock; Tuesday morning, Ballew's Chapel FWB; and Tuesday evening, Rolling Oaks FWB. As in the local church and district association, worship should be at the forefront of everything we do...even at our State Meeting. Be in attendance and lend your voice as we give praise to the risen Savior--Jesus Christ.

In place of the Bible Conference on Monday afternoon, this year we will be hosting an **open forum**. Mission Board Chairman, Blaine Rogers, and Executive Director, David Taylor will share about the state of State Missions and the State Office. The open forum will be your opportunity to hear about the direction of our state from a missions and executive office perspective.

Tuesday morning and afternoon reports will be given by each state division. These reports may seem mundane to some, but they are important; they share where we have been, where we are, and where we hope to go. 2017 financials and budgets for 2019 will be presented, discussed, and approved by you. Reports from our national departments will be heard, as well.

The State Meeting is an extension of the local church and district association. Its success depends on each pastor, minister, deacon, delegate (both standing and elected), and church being involved in the decision-making process.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

## 2018 Nomination Schedule

### Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists

#### Executive Board

Tim Harris (2018)

\*Terry Spradlin (2018)

#### Mission Board

\*Russell Thomas (2018)

\*Jeff Holland (2018)

#### Christian Education Board

\*Jim Walker (2018)

Ben Ryan (2018)

#### Youth Board

\*Tim Forman (2018)

Daniel Young (2018)

#### State Officers

Moderator (Nelson Henderson)

Asst Mod (Tim Landers)

Clerk (Wendell Leckbee)

Asst Clerk (Keith Bowden)

#### Randall University Trustee

Jason Nichols (2018-2020 term)

\*ineligible for reelection

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

#### Nominee

**Tim Harris**

**Jason Sullivan**

**Tim Forman**

**Jim Walker**

**Jason Nichols**

**Mark Simmons**

**Andy Haskins**

**Daniel Young**

**Nelson Henderson**

**Tim Landers**

**Wendell Leckbee**

**Keith Bowden**

**Jason Nichols**

## State Meeting Hotels

May 21-22, 2018

#### *Fairfield Inn & Suites*

2260 Sanders Road, Conway

(501) 505-8034

\$94.00 + tax (1 King or 2 Queen)

Free Breakfast Buffet

#### *Holiday Inn Express*

2230 Sanders Road, Conway

(501) 205-1315

\$107.00 + tax (Monday night, King or Queen)

\$114.00 + tax (Tuesday night, King or Queen)

Free Breakfast Buffet

#### *Hilton Garden Inn*

805 Amity Road, Conway

(501) 329-1444

\$99.00 + tax (1 King or 2 Queens)

Free Breakfast Buffet

**Note:** ask for Arkansas Free Will Baptist group rate.

Online reservations are available for *Fairfield Inn & Suites*. Email [Diana@arfwb.org](mailto:Diana@arfwb.org) for information about this option.



# ACTS ONE: EIGHT NEWS



## Outlaws Resign From Mission

Antioch, TN—The Board of Free Will Baptist International Missions voted to accept the resignation of David and Angie Outlaw from missionary service MARCH 12, 2018. The Outlaws submitted an official letter of resignation to Free Will Baptist International Missions, explaining, "David desires to resume a constant pulpit ministry that involves the continual exposition of Scripture and leadership in a local church. The One who sovereignly led us from the pastorate to the foot of the Tien Shan Mountains now leads us toward our next task... Though we do not yet have a church to pastor, we are issuing a 60-day notice to resign our positions at FWBIM effective March 1."

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



### BISHOPS

Doug is currently meeting with the pastors in our area to see how we, as a mission, can help support and encourage them. Pray that God will send the workers needed to fill each role.



### HUBBARDS

Pray to find a good place to rent for our Hope Alive Church, and that God will use these Hope Alive Bible studies to draw the Japanese to Himself.



### MCDONALDS

Financial shortfall continues to weigh heavily on our hearts. We praise God for some special gifts in late 2017, but continue to struggle with a deficit account.



### EDGMONS

Pray for Anthony and Lea as they train and equip local believers to reach others with the gospel.



### SPEERS

Pray for us as we grieve the loss of our unborn child. During these tough days, Audrey and Analeigh bring us more joy than they could possibly know.



### LANCASTERS

Pray for a smooth and safe transition as we go back onto the field.

## 64th Arkansas WAC State Meeting

Laughter and rejoicing were heard throughout the day as the Arkansas WAC women gathered at Camp Beaverfork for their meeting on March 10, 2018.

Sandy Forman and Beverly Culp began the day leaning the women in worship with songs related to the theme "Ministry in Motion: Walk, Talk, Give, and Send".

Arkansas Executive Director, David Taylor, greeted the ladies and opened missionary time by introducing new missionaries to Japan, Daniel and Shelby Culwell. The Culwells shared about their new appointment to the field and asked for prayer as they begin their work in Japan. Nickole Cross of Family Ministries gave an update on the Florence Crittenton Home and shared letters from some of the children in the home. Heather Gonzalez gave an update on their Hispanic work in Star City.

Belinda Adaire, Arkansas WAC Member-at-Large, gave the WNAC report for Elizabeth Hodges who could not attend the meeting. Belinda shared that Arkansas is doing well in giving which allows others to share the gospel across the globe. A delicious brunch was provided by the New Hope District during the break.



During the business session, an update on the National 2018 was given by Lisa Bowden. The State Project for 2018 will be Heath and Joni Hubbard, missionaries in Japan. "Gift Cards Galore" was introduced as the State Service Project for 2018. This project will provide gift cards for all three children's homes in Arkansas. The cards will be collected at the WAC Retreat September 21-22.

he resolutions were thank you statements to the New Hope District for the brunch, our missionaries for the updates, Beth Willhite for coming from Texas to be the speaker, and the Arkansas Executive Committee for planning the state meeting.

After the business session, Brenda Housley presented the Memorial Moment. A moment of silence was given to honor women who died during the year 2017.

The worship service began with Sandy and Beverly leading the women in songs of praise and worship. Sandy sang the special music entitled "What a Beautiful Name".

The speaker was Beth Willhite, missionary to McKinny, Texas. She shared about the ministry in Texas and added some humor throughout. She spoke about the ministry of Jesus and how Jesus was in constant motion, moving and healing people. She talked about Peter and John healing the blind man that was asking for alms. Beth reminded the ladies that they can give more than money.

They can give a smile, some encouragement, and even a hug. She said that ministry does not stop, it is always in motion. We must be willing to walk, talk, give, and send in the name of Jesus.



Speaker Beth Willhite





## **Maggie House Supporters Celebrate Note Burning**

Representatives of Family Ministries and supporters gathered on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 to conduct a “Burn the Note” Celebration for the Maggie House in Charleston, AR. Frank Woods, Executive Director of Family Ministries headquartered in Greeneville, TN, led in burning the note on the front porch of the Maggie House.

Named after the late Maggie Schaffer, Maggie House is a 15,000 square foot, 32-bed long-term residential care facility serving abused and neglected children from toddlers to teenagers. Trained house parents provide 24/7 care for up to nine (9) children with an emphasis on serving sibling groups. An administrator and case managers are onsite at the Maggie House and counselors, therapists, physicians, mentors, tutors, the school system, churches and the community as a whole provide support required to meet the needs of the children.

Frank Woods stated that Pastor Jeff Holland of First FWB Church in Charleston started all the conversation about the need for a residential home for abused and neglected children in Charleston after finding out the old Greenhurst Nursing Home might be an option. It is nothing short of a miracle to see how the community of Charleston and other community leaders from Western Arkansas came together with Family Ministries to raise the almost 1.1 million dollars needed to pay for the renovation and furnishing of the Maggie House in less than three years. The abused and neglected children placed by DHS will benefit from this support for many years to come.

Ken Winningham, Church Relations Coordinator for Family Ministries, pointed out “Churches contributed approximately \$350,000 to the Maggie House over the past three years. Much of this came from small Free Will Baptist Churches in both Arkansas and Oklahoma which we asked to help. However, we also had numerous contributions from other churches of various denominations. It has been such a blessing to be a part of this.”

Due in large part to the awareness created by the Maggie House, Family Ministries received a major gift of 1.875 million dollars from a trust fund in Missouri to build the Curt, Cliff and Opal Young Children’s Home, in Fort Smith. This major gift provided most of the funds need to build the four homes, which opened on July 31, 2017. The Young Children’s Home is now serving up to 32 abused and neglected children. The Arkansas division of Family Ministries also includes the Florence Crittenton Home in Little Rock. These homes combine to help as many as 80 Arkansas children in need of a safe and secure environment.

# Sign up for important Prayer updates from National Association of Free Will Baptists 2018 Convention.

Get information for 2018 Prayer Team for the National Association in Little Rock right on your phone—not on handouts.

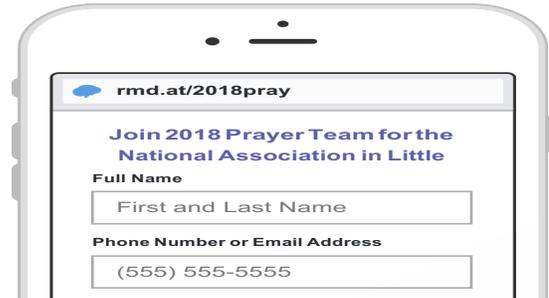
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Text the message @2018pray to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2018pray to (479) 431-6618.

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## Church News

### Polk Ordination

On Sunday, March 26th, Mason Polk of Ft. Smith was ordained into the ministry at the Cavanaugh FWB Church.



The worship service was led by Mitch and Taryn Wagner. Mason preached from Psalm 119:73-74 about the impact a single person can have when used by the Lord.

Mason and his wife, Karinda, were surrounded in prayer by family, friends, and church family as they entered into the next phase of ministry.

Mason is currently finishing his ministerial degree at Randall University.

### Wisdom Ordination

Jimmy Wisdom was ordained into the Gospel ministry on Sunday, March 11th in a service at the Cave City FWB Church. Dr. Spencer Ledbetter, one of Jimmy's professors



at Randall University, delivered the ordination message. Jimmy's ministry desire, in his own words, is: "I want to see the church grow in theology. I see that

Dr. Spencer Ledbetter

this will help

create a solid foundation for every Christian and make a meaningful difference in their daily walk."



Pastor Steve Martin and Jimmy Wisdom

Jimmy, along with his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Rosemary, are serving the Cave City Church in an associate pastor role alongside Pastor Steve Martin.



Pictured (L-R) Johnny Miller, David Evans, Ken Brown, Mason Polk, Will Harmon, Kendall Ross, Bob Thompson

### Puplits Filled

We would like to welcome three pastors to new ministries in our state:

**Robert Murphy**, Fairview FWB Church (Warren)

**Adam Abel**, Macedonia FWB Church (New Edinburg)

**Tim Doss**, Mt. Harmony FWB Church (Saffell)

### Available for Pulpit Supply:

**Buddy Gandy**--501.580.3008

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**Greig Caswell**--501.472.9583

# Camp Beaverfork

[A DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STUDENT MINISTRIES]

## *Teen Camp*

JUNE 3-7<sup>TH</sup> [GRADES 9-12<sup>TH</sup>]

### *Evangelist*

JASON NICHOLS

### *Worship Leader*

CLIFF PRESTON

## *Jr. High Camp*

JUNE 10-14<sup>TH</sup> [GRADES 9-12<sup>TH</sup>]

### *Evangelist*

TRAVIS ALEXANDER

### *Worship Leader*

DENISE ROSS

## *Kids Camp #1*

JUNE 17-20<sup>TH</sup> [GRADES 2-5<sup>TH</sup>]

### *Evangelist*

JOSH AUFDENGARTEN

### *Worship Leader*

FAWN GIBSON

## *Kids Camp #2*

JUNE 20-23<sup>RD</sup> [GRADES 2-5<sup>TH</sup>]

### *Evangelist*

JOSH AUFDENGARTEN

### *Worship Leader*

FAWN GIBSON

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## 14th WAC President's Luncheon

"We Are Called" was the theme of the 2018 Presidents' Luncheon. There were twenty-nine ladies in attendance at the First FWB Church in Conway on Saturday, February 10th. Sheila Harris led the women in song and Lisa Bowden led the icebreaker called "I Love".



Members of the Arkansas Executive Committee shared their favorite part of the National Association. Each officer encouraged the ladies to attend this year in Little Rock.

Janie Campbell, Arkansas WAC Vice President spoke on the theme. She asked what is WNAC? She talked about the detail of the organization and reminded the ladies of how different it was back when WAC first started. Janie stated that the methods of WAC may have changed, but the purpose is still the same. She reminded the women that every local doesn't look the same and that is okay. She spoke on servanthood and how Presidents and Vice Presidents are leaders. She said that women serve God through WAC, and it is not a job that leaders should take lightly. The job can be long and hard, but the reward is helping a woman find her place in the Great Commission. She challenged the ladies to remain faithful to WAC, and to be willing to change. WAC has an honorable past and a glorious future.

Soup and salad were served by the Arkansas Executive Committee.



### Arkansas Churches without Pastors

The following churches have asked the State Office to announce their pulpit vacancies.

#### **Baker's Creek FWB Church**

1581 Baker's Creek Rd  
Russellville, AR 72802

Contact: Joe Ford  
(479.857.0694)

#### **Cedar Heights FWB Church**

119 Locust Street  
Quitman, AR 72131

(501.335.7685)

#### **Hatfield FWB Church**

171 West Johnson  
Hatfield, AR 71945

Contact: Mrs. Linda Denton  
123 South Tilly Road  
Hatfield, AR 71945  
(870.389.6676)

#### **Huntsville FWB Church**

702 College Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740

Contact: Jeff Reeves  
(479.409.4853)  
Don Smith (479.325.1046)

#### **Upper Spring Creek FWB Church**

4941 Old Booneville Road  
Belleville, AR 72824

Contact: Harlan Patton  
(479.495.2483)



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### Editor's Thanks:

I would like to welcome two VISION staff volunteers:  
Devon Dundee and Shelby Culwell.

Devon's contributions in design/layout include the state website, the PILLARS, State Meeting publications, and the VISION.

Shelby has done the layout/design work on the new ACTS 1:8 page, and will be contributing news from the various fields of service.

I believe you will find their expertise and input will make the VISION a better publication.

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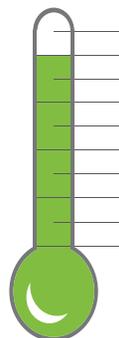
Stories, articles, events, pictures are welcomed. Submissions must be in by the 5th of the month for the next month's VISION.

The editor reserves the right to accept or reject any articles submitted for publication. All printed articles represent the views of the authors and do not reflect the policy or position of Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

### National Hosting Fee Update

We are almost there! Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have finished. Through the end of March, we have received **\$39,370.04**, and we praise the Lord for your generosity!

Only **\$629.96** remains to be raised.



\$40,000.00

\$39,370.04

We have asked each church to consider sending a **\$200** gift for our hosting fee. Many of you have given, some more than once. Through individuals, churches, districts and one state board, we are almost at our goal.

If you have not been able to do something yet, would you consider a gift now?

***Thank you*** in advance for what I know you will do.