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To all officers, staff, Moderators, Pastors, Preachers, Delegates, friends and supporters of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. I greet each of you in the awesome, amazing, majestic, and magnificent name of Jesus Christ, our Kinsmen and Redeemer.

What a tremendous blessing it is for us to anxiously prepare for our in-person meetings, after yet suffering through the COVID-19 crisis, these past few years. Although we have suffered immensely, times are different, and what we once knew as normal has taken on a new meaning, we are still thankful as God has kept us and blessed us to meet again, and for that, we are grateful.

It is my pleasure and my honor to welcome you to this 128th Annual Session of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. Diligent efforts have been made to ensure that this session will meet and exceed your spiritual needs, ambitions, and expectations. My hope is that after being at this session, you will return to your churches and places of ministry renewed, refreshed, re-focused, revived, and ready for the challenges that await you, as you do ministry.

This year our Annual Session will convene on Monday, October 24, 2022-Thursday, October 27, 2022, at the Scott County District Baptist Association Building, 2557-Hwy 80, Morton, Mississippi. Rev. Charles <u>E, Bell is the Host Moderator</u>. On Monday, October 24, 2022, the Convention Musical and Local District welcome program will begin at 7:00 P.M. Registration will begin at 6:00 P.M

On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, registration will begin at 3:00 P.M. Plenary Breakout sessions for each auxiliary begins at 4:00 PM and the official opening will convene at 7:00 P.M.

For your convenience, you may register using Givelify, on site during the Session, or you may pre-register. Please mail all pre-registrations to:

East Mississippi Baptist State Convention-P. O. Box 224-Meridian, Mississippi 39302

For those who require lodging, we have made accommodations are as follow:

Holiday Inn 1275 Hwy 35 Forest, MS 39074 (601) 469-8288

You must call the hotel to make reservations and mention "East Mississippi Baptist State Convention" in order to receive the discounted rate of \$109 per night. Deadline to make reservations is September 25, 2022.

This will be an in-person gathering however, we will livestream the worship sessions only on the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Facebook page for your convenience. In addition, for those attending in person, please be assured for your safety, we will have sanitizing stations as well as masks available for anyone attending in person.

If you any questions pertinent to registration or convention logistics, we want to assist you in any way we can. Please email us at <u>eastmsbsc@gmail.com</u> or call Rev. Dr. Markiet Lewis at 601-325-8680 or Ms. Barbara Young at 601-479-3961.

"LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY AND TRUST GOD" for a blessed and successful Session.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. Let us continue to work together to build the Kingdom of God here on earth and remain excited about the journey ahead as we continue to "Advance the Kingdom through the Message, Mission, and Mandate of Christ."

Servant of Heaven, Rev. Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin

