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~Matthew 28:19-20~

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Grace and Peace!

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.

I am filled with excitement and the joy of the Lord, realizing that our 2023 Annual Convention Session will soon be a living reality in a very few weeks, The Annual Session gathering has weighed very heavily on my mind and in my spirit as we approach the final stage of preparation.

We are blessed because our Convention will convene in the Queen City of Meridian, Mississippi at the commodious **West Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church**, **10530-Woods Rd**, **Meridian**, **Mississippi**. Rev. Odell Hopkins is the Host Pastor. The dates for our 2023 Annual Session will be **Monday**, **October 23 - Thursday**, **October 26**, **2023**.

We are praying and trusting God, believing that through the power of the Holy Spirit, He will engage us to maximize the ministry that has been assigned to our hands as we diligently labor and teach to impact and spiritually empower God's people. I sincerely encourage you, especially all Pastors, Preachers, Church Leaders, and all of God's people to make plans to attend our upcoming Annual Session. I hope you will encourage the members of your church family to attend and take part in the innovative plenary sessions and schedule of activities.

On Monday, October 23, 2023, Our Minister's Wives Auxiliary will host their Scholarship Fundraiser Banquet (Ticket Info included).

On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, registration will begin at 3:00PM. Plenary Breakout sessions for each auxiliary will begin at 4:00PM and the official opening will convene at 7:00P.M.

For your convenience, you may register using Givelify, on-site during the Session, or you may preregister. I am encouraging all churches to Pre-register. Please mail all pre-registrations to: *East Mississippi Baptist State Convention-P. O. Box 224-Meridian, Mississippi 39302*If you any questions pertinent to registration or convention logistics, we want to assist you in any way we can. Please 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,

Ecclesiastes Goodwin. Sr.

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