## East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. P.O. Box 224

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"The Mission, Message and Mandate of Jesus Christ" ~ Matthew 28:19-20~



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Grace and Peace!

Happy New Year! Greetings to you in the Precious, Powerful and Victorious Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who does all things well.

I am both privileged and pleasured to write to you on behalf of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. It is my genuine desire that you, your family, and your church family are doing well while being blessed by the Eternal. Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for each of you who make up The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc. Your service and resources to this convention, has impacted many lives during the pandemic and I look forward to continuing to serve as we "Pivot Through the Pandemic for A Greater Kingdom Witness."

This communication is being sent to inform you of our upcoming Annual Mid-Winter Board Session that is scheduled for <u>Friday</u>, <u>February 9</u>, <u>2024- Saturday</u>, <u>February 10</u>, <u>2024</u>. All sessions will be at <u>Friendship Missionary Baptist Church</u>, <u>8611-Friendship MB Church Rd.</u> <u>Meridian</u>, <u>Mississippi</u>, Rev. Dr. Chester L. Davis, Jr., Pastor.

On Friday, February 9, 2024, registration will begin at 6:00 PM. The opening worship service will begin at 7PM. On Saturday, February 10, 2024, registration will begin at 7:30 AM and the official opening will begin at 8:00AM.

I am asking that every church and district please register, as we still have financial obligations. If your church or district did not register for the Annual Session in October, I humbly ask that you contribute those funds during the Mid-Winter Board Meeting as well. Per custom, I am asking every church to continue to support and give generously to our East Mississippi Baptist State Convention Headquarters budgetary goals. In addition to our normal registration of \$200, I am asking every church, district, and covenant partners to contribute \$300/annually to help with the upkeep and maintenance of our Headquarters building. This can be paid along with your registration, monthly, or as you are able to contribute. I am encouraging all churches to Preregister by mail or electronically by Givelify.

Please mail all completed pre- registration forms and appropriate fees to: East Mississippi Baptist State Convention-P. O. Box 224-Meridian, Mississippi 39302

As we prepare to embark on convening together, the year 2024 is an election year for East Mississippi Baptist State Convention. Therefore, any person who desires to seek the office of President and meets all qualifications, must make it publicly known of their intent to run for President in person at the Mid-Winter Board Meeting in February 2024. After the close of the Mid-Winter Board Meeting, no person shall be able to declare their intent to run for President.

If you any questions pertinent to registration, 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, Rev. Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin, Sr, President East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.