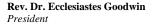
East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc.

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



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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.

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As we convene in our 130th session, our aim is to look to the future with renewed purpose. Our convention's central theme is "Strengthening and Equipping the Local Church: Learning, Growing, and Evangelizing" and our focus will be on reimagining ministry for the 21st century as a call to address and confront heretical teachings that have infiltrated Christendom. We are committed to upholding the faith that has been entrusted to us and refusing to compromise its integrity. Let us express our gratitude to God for His faithfulness while also embracing the challenges ahead with optimism and determination. This is my earnest prayer for all of us.

We are blessed because our Convention will convene in Hattiesburg, Mississippi at the commodious **Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church**, 900-East 8th Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Rev. Carlos Wilson is the Host Pastor. The dates for our 2024 Annual Session will be Sunday, October 27, 2024, through Wednesday, October 30, 2024. 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 Sunday, October 27, 2024, Our Minister's Wives Auxiliary will host their Scholarship Fundraiser Banquet (Ticket Info included).

On Monday, October 28, 2024, registration will begin at 3:00PM. Plenary Breakout sessions for each auxiliary begin each day at 5:00PM and the official opening will be done 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~ For those who desire, may include all registrations, Love Offerings for Presidents/Directors, and other necessary fees in with your registration check.

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.

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, President

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