

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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Dear Pastors, Moderators, Associations, and Churches of East Mississippi Baptist State Convention:
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 and I pray this letter finds you well and basking in the blessings of the Lord as we embrace the new mercies that God has in store for us in 2025. Please allow me this time to express my sincerest gratitude to this august body of believers who has once again afforded me the divine opportunity to serve as the Chief Servant Leader of this illustrious great convention. It is my deepest desire to continue to guide East Mississippi Baptist State Convention with Progressive, Practical, Principled and Purposeful leadership for the cause of Christ. As we continue to do the work of the Lord, I feel it befitting to thank each of you for your love and devotion to the ministry as we move forward to continuously pursue God's will for our lives, ministries, churches, and our beloved Convention.

I am excited to announce the Schedule for our upcoming Mid-Winter Board Meeting. This year our **Mid-Winter Board Meeting** will be held **Friday, February 21 - Saturday, February 22, 2025**, at the **Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 544-James Chaney Drive, Meridian, Mississippi**. **Rev. Dr. Alphonso D. Lewis is the Host Pastor, and the Second New Hope District Baptist Association is the Host District.**

On **Friday, February 21, 2025**, registration will begin at **5:00P.M.** and at **7:00 P.M.** we will convene for the **Worship and Installation Service**. Our guest preacher for this wonderful celebration will be the **Rev. Clinton "DeWayne" McFarland, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Stockbridge, GA**. On **Saturday, February 22, 2025**, registration will begin at **7:30 A.M.** and our **Board Meeting** will open at **8:30 A.M.**

As we continue to fulfill our financial obligations, if your church or district did not register during the Annual Session in October, I humbly request that you contribute those funds during the upcoming Mid-Winter Board Meeting.

To streamline the registration process, we are now offering an option for annual registration. The fees are as follows:

- **Church Registration** for the parent body: **\$1200.00** (covers MWB, Annual Session, and Headquarters Assessment). This is an **OPTIONAL** payment for the entire year. This **DOES NOT** include Congress nor the Educators' Conference. The original registration format is still available.
- **District Registration** for the parent body: **\$1400.00** (covers MWB, Annual Session, and Headquarters Assessment). This is an **OPTIONAL** payment for the entire year. This **DOES NOT** include Congress nor the Educators' Conference. The original registration format is still available.
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If you prefer, you may continue to pay your registration fees at each individual session. Please know that these options are provided to make the process more convenient but are not mandatory. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, feel free to reach out.

I am encouraging all churches to Pre-register by mail or electronically by Givelify.

Please mail all completed pre-registration forms and appropriate fees to:

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We are so grateful to our Heavenly Father that we have this privilege to come together for another session of our beloved Convention's Kingdom work. Prayerfully, our time together will be fruitful in terms of spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and development of plans and execution of our work. In closing, let us pray for our convention and come with open minds and hearts for the work we are seeking to accomplish, that our time together will be a period of spiritual renewal, rejuvenation, and recommitment to the cause of Christ. Looking forward to seeing you in Meridian.

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.

Servant of Heaven,

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