

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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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.

As we convene in our 131st Annual 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 Serving this Present Age" and our focus will be on repurposing ministry for the 21st century. 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 Meridian, Mississippi at the commodious **St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2000-18th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi**. Rev. Dr. Ecclesiastes Goodwin is the Host Pastor. The dates for our 2025 Annual Session will be **Tuesday, October 28, 2025, through Thursday, October 30, 2025**. Again, 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 Tuesday, October 28, 2025, registration will begin at 3:00PM. Plenary Breakout sessions for each auxiliary will begin at 4:00PM 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 pre-register. **I am encouraging all churches to Pre-register.** Please mail all pre-registrations to:

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*****I am also asking all churches to please send a special offering to help in the upkeep of our Convention Headquarter Building.*****

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,

Ecclesiastes T. Goodwin, Sr

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