

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

1 Peter 4.10 (ESV)



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187th Annual Meeting
October 24-25, 2023 • FBC Jackson

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Tuesday Morning | First Session | October 24, 2023

- 8:30 Call to Worship** – Combined Baptist University Choirs and Orchestra
Blue Mountain Christian University – Greg Long, *Director*
Mississippi College – Beth Everett, *Director*
William Carey University – Wes Dykes and Brandon Hardin, *Directors*
- 8:35 Call to Order** – Lloyd Sweatt
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention
Pastor, Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory
- Prayer** – Sam Taylor
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Florence
- Welcome** – Chip Stevens
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson
- Organization of the Convention** – Lloyd Sweatt
Recognition and Seating of Messengers
- Committee on Order of Business Report** – Kristopher Smith
Chair, *Worship Pastor*, Cartersville Baptist Church, Petal
- Announcement of Credentials and Tellers Committees** – Lloyd Sweatt
- Presentations of Resolutions**
- 8:55 Report of Committee on Committees** – Jimmy Stewart
Chair, *Senior Pastor*, First Baptist Church, Gulfport
- 9:00 Congregational Worship** – Jason Carson and Praise Team
Minister of Music, Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory
- 9:10 Convention Board Report** – Danny Smith
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tunica
- 9:20 Business Session: Election of the President** – Lloyd Sweatt
Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report, Discussion, and Vote on Proposed Changes –
Doug Gunn, *Chair*, *Member*, First Baptist Church, Jackson
- 9:45 Worship through Music** – Combined Choirs and Orchestra
- 9:50 Collegiate Ministries – Celebrating 100 Years of Student Ministry** – Sam Ivy
Director, Collegiate Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 10:00 Testimony** – Summer Missions Highlight
- Congregational Worship** – Jason Carson and Meadowood Baptist Church Praise Team
- Worship through Music** – Combined Baptist University Choirs and Orchestra
- 10:20 Bible Treasures** – Chip Stevens
- Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-11**
Justin Anderson
Senior Pastor, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Picayune
- Worship in Song** – Rita Sweatt, Mary Megan Parker, Molly Steed, and Shelby Sweatt
- 11:00 President's Address** – Lloyd Sweatt
- 11:35 Benediction** – Mark Gurley
Minister of Missions, Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory
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Tuesday Afternoon | Second Session | October 24, 2023

1:30 Concert of Praise – Mississippi Singing Churchmen
Slater Murphy, *Director*

1:45 Call to Order – Bill Hurt
First Vice President, Mississippi Baptist Convention
Senior Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Columbus

Prayer – Rita Sweatt
Member, Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 1.4-10
Bradley White
Worship Pastor, First Baptist Church, Summit

2:00 Bible Treasures – Chip Stevens

2:25 Concert of Praise – Mississippi Singing Churchmen

2:35 Business Session – Lloyd Sweatt

Presentation of 2024 Budget – Greg Warnock
Chair, Budget Committee; *Pastor*, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven

Results of Election of President
Election of Convention Officers
Presentation of Resolutions
Miscellaneous Business

Testimony – Summer Missions Highlight

3:15 Congregational Worship – Worship Ministry, First Baptist Church, New Albany
Mark Mathis, *Pastor of Worship and Media*

3:25 Business Session – Lloyd Sweatt
Election of Convention Officers
Miscellaneous Business

3:35 Sexual Abuse Response Team Report – Brad Eubank
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Petal

3:55 Music Feature – Worship Ministry, First Baptist Church, New Albany

4:15 Convention Sermon – Andrew Chesteen
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, New Albany

4:50 Benediction – Tom Sumrall
Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church, New Albany

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Tuesday Evening | Third Session | October 24, 2023

- 6:30** **Orchestra Prelude** – Combined Orchestras
Testimony – Summer Missions Highlight
- 6:35** **Call to Order** – Lloyd Sweatt
Final Presentation of Resolutions
- 6:40** **Congregational Praise and Worship** – Combined Choirs and Orchestra
Slater Murphy, *Director*, Worship Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- Prayer** – Marsha Murphy
Member, First Baptist Church, Oxford
- Scripture Reading – Matthew 4.18-25**
Rossie Francis
Senior Pastor, Grace Temple Baptist Church, Gulfport
- 7:20** **Message** – Shawn Parker
Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 8:10** **Benediction** – Barri Shirley
Chief Operating Officer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Combined Choirs and Music Worship Leaders

Longview Point Baptist Church, Hernando – Steven Hodge
Longview Heights Baptist Church, Olive Branch – Blake Krumalis
Hernando Baptist Church, Hernando – Andrew Dale, interim
Mercy Hill Church, Olive Branch – Drew Thomas
Riverbend Church, Hernando – Alex Phelan
Broadway Baptist Church, Southaven – Brandon Hughes
Church Road Baptist Church, Horn Lake – Joey Taylor
LaBelle Haven Baptist Church, Southaven – Robert Sumner
First Baptist Church, Olive Branch – David James Orcutt
Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo – Jasen Brown and Luke Overton
Community Point Baptist Church, Hernando
Gospel Life Church, Hernando – Daniel Edwards and Jordan Bryant

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Wednesday Morning | Fourth Session | October 25, 2023

- 8:30** **Call to Order** – Scott Hanberry
Second Vice President; Senior Pastor, Hardy Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg
- Prayer** – Patrick Collins
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Houlika
- Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12.1-11**
Zach Kilpatrick
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brookhaven
- Memorial Service** – Greg Barker
Consultant, Bivocational Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 8:50** **Congregational Praise** – Restoration Band, William Carey University
Brandon Hardin, *Director*
- 9:00** **Historical Commission Report** – Anthony Kay
Executive Director, Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission
- 9:10** **Business Session** – Lloyd Sweatt
- Adoption of 2024 Budget** – Greg Warnock
- Committee on Nominations Report** – Doug Broome
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Natchez
- Resolutions Committee Report** – John Boler
Chair; Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
- Miscellaneous Business** – Lloyd Sweatt
- Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report** – Don Gann
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oxford
- 9:35** **Recognition of Bivocational Pastor of the Year** – John Pace
Director, Leadership, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- Testimony** – Summer Missions Highlight
- 9:55** **Introduction of University Presidents** – Lloyd Sweatt
- 10:00** **William Carey University Report** – Ben Burnett, *President*
- 10:10** **Congregational Praise** – Restoration Band, William Carey University
- 10:20** **Bible Treasures** – Chip Stevens
- 10:45** **Congregational Praise** – Restoration Band, William Carey University
- 10:55** **Message** – Vance Pitman
President, Send Network
- 11:40** **Closing Remarks** – Lloyd Sweatt
- 11:45** **Benediction** – Brian Hood
Lead Pastor, Community Point Baptist Church, Hernando
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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Chip Stevens has served as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, since 2019. He holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and a master's degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi College where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees. He is married to Sandra, and they have three children: Reid (Natalie) Stevens, Emory (John Clyde) Ready, and Graham Stevens.



Dr. Lloyd Sweatt was born in Montgomery, Alabama. He graduated from Callaway High School in Jackson, Mississippi, and earned his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University. He earned the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Sweatt pastored New Henleyfield SB Church in Carriere, Mississippi, while a student and then moved to Duck Hill BC, Duck Hill, Mississippi, where he served as full time pastor. In 1996, he accepted the call to Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi, where he has served for the past 27 years. He has served Mississippi Baptists in numerous capacities. Dr. Sweatt met his wife, Rita Wood Sweatt, while in high school, and married in 1980. Lloyd and Rita have three daughters, Mary Megan Parker (Alston); Molly Steed (Jake) and Shelby Sweatt. They have a grandson, Jaylen, and five granddaughters, Ella, Scout, Kashe, Kenzy, and Wren.



Rev. Andrew Chesteen has served as the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church New Albany since June 2019. He earned a degree in Biblical Studies from Blue Mountain College in 2015 before receiving Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is preparing to complete the Doctor of Philosophy degree at NOBTS this fall. Before accepting the call to FBC New Albany, he served for four years as the pastor at Tiplersville Baptist Church. Andrew, originally from Winona, is married to Audra, and they have two beautiful children, Selah Joy (5) and Drew (3). Andrew enjoys spending time with his family and pastoring God's people.



Rev. Vance Pitman is president of Send Network, the largest church planting network in North America, and founding pastor of Hope Church Las Vegas. As a twenty-plus year veteran church planter who commissioned more than 75 churches in the Western United States during his tenure at Hope Church, Vance not only grew Hope Church into the vibrant multi-ethnic fellowship it is today, but also travels the country seeking to inspire people to join in God's eternal, redemptive mission of making disciples, by multiplying the Church all over North America, that the nations may come to know Him. Vance resides in Henderson, Nevada, with his wife Kristie, and has four children and four grandchildren. He is the author of *UNBURDENED: Stop Living for Jesus So Jesus Can Live Through You* and *The Stressless Life: Experiencing the Unshakable Presence of God's Indescribable Peace*.

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