



*May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may
with one voice glorify the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- ROMANS 15.5-6 (ESV)

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION
188th Annual Meeting
October 29-30, 2024 • FBC Jackson

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DR. BILL HURT
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Columbus
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Hardy Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg
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Gulf Coast Baptist Association, Gulfport

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Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory

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Tuesday Morning | First Session | October 29, 2024

8:30 Call to Worship – Combined Baptist University Choirs and Orchestra, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Praise Team

8:35 Call to Order – Bill Hurt
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention
Senior Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Columbus

Prayer – Chad Ball
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gautier

Welcome – Chip Stevens
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson

Organization of the Convention – Bill Hurt
Recognition and Seating of Messengers

Committee on Order of Business Report – Grant Stegall
Chair, Senior Pastor, Desoto Hills Baptist Church, Southaven

Announcement of Credentials and Tellers Committees – Bill Hurt

Presentations of Resolutions

8:55 Report of Committee on Committees – Jason Webb
Chair, Pastor, Goodwater Baptist Church, Magee

9:00 Congregational Worship – Bobby Sanderson
Worship Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Columbus

9:10 Convention Board Report – Tommy Mitchell
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Senior Pastor, Agricola Baptist Church, Lucedale

9:20 Business Session: Election of the President – Scott Hanberry
Presentation from the Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Doug Gunn
Chair, Member, First Baptist Church, Jackson

9:45 Worship through Music – Combined Choirs and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

9:55 Celebrating 100 Years of the Cooperative Program – Rick Blythe
Director, Stewardship/Prayer Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

10:05 Testimony – Disaster Relief

Worship through Music – Combined Choirs

10:15 Bible Treasures – Ben Mandrell

10:40 Scripture Reading – Psalm 133.1-3
David Hopkins
Senior Pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Meridian

10:45 Congregational Worship – Bobby Sanderson, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

10:50 President's Address – Bill Hurt

11:25 Benediction – Robbie Savant
Member, First Baptist Church, Natchez

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Tuesday Afternoon | Second Session | October 29, 2024

1:30 **Worship through Music** – Mississippi Singing Churchmen
Kristopher Smith, *Director*

1:45 **Call to Order** – Scott Hanberry
First Vice President, Mississippi Baptist Convention
Member, Hardy Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

Prayer – John Henry
Member, First Baptist Church, Lucedale

Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 4.9-12
Lawson Harlow
Pastor, Mercy Hill Church, Olive Branch

2:00 **Bible Treasures** – Ben Mandrell

2:25 **Worship through Music** – Mississippi Singing Churchmen

2:40 **Business Session** – Bill Hurt

Presentation of 2025 Budget – Michael Barnett
Chair, Budget Committee; *Senior Pastor*, First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs

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

Testimony – Christmas in the Delta

3:15 **Congregational Worship** – Worship Ministry, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison
Executive Pastor of Creative Arts, Mike Haight

3:25 **Business Session** – Bill Hurt
Election of Convention Officers
Miscellaneous Business

3:35 **Mississippi Baptist Foundation Report** – Daniel Hall
Executive Director, Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Jackson

3:45 **Christian Action Commission Report** – Kenny Digby
Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, Jackson

3:55 **Congregational Worship** – Worship Ministry, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison

4:10 **Convention Sermon** – Josh Braddy
Lead Pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison

4:45 **Benediction** – Neil Marsh
Executive Pastor of Ministry, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison

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Tuesday Evening | Third Session | October 29, 2024

- 6:25** **Orchestra Prelude** – Combined Orchestras
- Testimony** – Prison Ministry
- 6:35** **Call to Order** – Bill Hurt
Final Presentation of Resolutions
- 6:40** **Congregational Praise and Worship** – Kristopher Smith
Director, Worship Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- Prayer** – Gregg Divinity
Senior Pastor, New Vineyard Baptist Church, Jackson
- Scripture Reading** – John 17.20-23
Clay Stegall
Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pontotoc
- 7:20** **Message** – Shawn Parker
Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 8:00** **Benediction** – Mike Tyson
Member, First Baptist Church, Picayune

Combined Choirs and Music Worship Leaders

Clarke Venable Baptist Church, Decatur – Billy K. Williams
First Baptist Church, Newton – Gil Powell
First Baptist Church, Union – Luke Howell
Highland Baptist Church, Meridian – Abby Calhoun
Hopewell Baptist Church, Little Rock – Nathan Williams
Northcrest Baptist Church, Meridian – Paul Davis
Russell Baptist Church, Meridian – Austin Nolan
Westwood Baptist Church, Meridian – Stephen Poole

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Wednesday Morning | Fourth Session | October 30, 2024

- 8:30** **Call to Order** – David Haynes
Second Vice President; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Senatobia
- Prayer** – Dale Jackson
Member, First Baptist Church, New Albany
- Scripture Reading** – Ephesians 4.1-6
Connie Gardner
Member, First Baptist Church, Baldwin
- Memorial Service** – Greg Barker
Consultant, Bivocational Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 8:50** **Congregational Praise** – Worship Collective, Mississippi College
Director, Tyler Kemp
- 9:05** **Greetings from SBC Executive Committee** – Jeff Iorg
President & CEO, Nashville, TN
- 9:15** **Bible Treasures** – Ben Mandrell
- 9:40** **Business Session** – Bill Hurt
- Adoption of 2025 Budget** – Michael Barnett
- Committee on Nominations Report** – Jason Reed
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Booneville
- Resolutions Committee Report** – Greg Belser
Chair; Senior Pastor, Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton
- Miscellaneous Business** – Bill Hurt
- Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report** – Mark Taylor
Chair; Senior Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Saltillo
- 10:05** **Recognition of Bivocational Pastor of the Year** – John Pace
Director, Leadership Development, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- Testimony** – Summer Missions
- 10:25** **Introduction of University Presidents** – Bill Hurt
- 10:30** **Mississippi College Report** – Blake Thompson, *President*
- 10:40** **Congregational Praise** – Worship Collective, Mississippi College
- 10:55** **Message** – Anthony George
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
- 11:40** **Closing Remarks** – Bill Hurt
- 11:45** **Benediction** – Luke Gardner
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko
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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Ben Mandrell was elected the 10th president of Lifeway Christian Resources on June 28, 2019. As president and CEO, Mandrell provides vision and strategic leadership to the nonprofit organization headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to joining Lifeway, he pastored churches in Colorado and Tennessee. A native of Tampico, Illinois, Mandrell graduated from Anderson (Indiana) University in 1998. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. Mandrell and his wife, Lynley, have been married since 2001. The couple has four children: Ava, Max, Miles and Jack.



Dr. Bill Hurt is the senior pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi. Before coming to Pleasant Hill in 2012, he pastored churches in Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky. A native of Cleveland, Mississippi, he graduated from Mississippi College in 1983. He also earned a Master of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana. Bill's passion is preaching. He is the author of *Start Here – The Beginning Point for Starting a Daily Devotional Life*. He is also an avid runner. Bill and his wife, Tommi Jo, have been married since 1983. They have two daughters: Laura Jo (Grant) Ferguson and Melanie (Morgan) Brashier. Bill and Tommi Jo are the proud grandparents of Will and Miles.



Dr. Josh Braddy serves as the lead pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church of Madison, MS. He has earned both a Master of Divinity (MDiv) and a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. At the core of his pastoral work is a genuine desire to see the Lord's Church united in its mission – ushering Christ's Kingdom into a world marred by sin, darkness, and despair. His leadership at Broadmoor is characterized by a passionate drive to cultivate an authentic community and clear purpose within the congregation, to equip and empower others to know Christ and follow Him.



Dr. Anthony George is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. Having served as the church's associate pastor since 2012, he assumed the lead role at the historic church in 2020 upon the retirement of the church's pastor of over fifty years, the late Dr. Charles Stanley. Before coming to First Baptist Atlanta, George was the senior pastor of Aloma Church in Winter Park, Florida, a suburb of Orlando, for fifteen years. Under his leadership, First Baptist Atlanta launched a weekly live stream of its services at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Since that time, the church's online audience now claims viewers across the United States and its territories as well as in 110 countries of the world. He is a graduate of Criswell College in Dallas, Texas, and earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

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