



190th

ANNUAL MEETING

October 27-28, 2026
Broadmoor BC • Madison

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION OFFICERS

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First Baptist Church, Natchez

DR. LUKE GARDNER
First Baptist Church, Kosciusko

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Ephesians 4.11-13

Tuesday Morning | First Session | October 27, 2026

- 8:30 Worship in Song** – Worship Ministries of FBC New Albany, FBC Winona, and West Jackson Street BC, Tupelo
Aaron Lyons, Pastor of Worship and Media, First Baptist Church, New Albany
James Bailey, Music Minister, First Baptist Church, Winona
Ken Reich, Minister of Music, West Jackson Street Baptist Church, Tupelo
- 8:35 Call to Order** – Andrew Chesteen
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, New Albany
- Scripture Reading (Ephesians 4.11-16) and Prayer** – D.P. Smith
Member, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Former IMB Missionary
- Welcome** – Josh Braddy
Lead Pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison
- Organization of the Convention** – Andrew Chesteen
Recognition and Seating of Messengers
- Committee on Order of Business Report** – Dustin Long
Chair; Pastor, Carrollton Baptist Church, Carrollton
- Announcement of Credentials and Tellers Committees** – Andrew Chesteen
- 8:55 Worship in Song** – Combined Choirs
- 9:00 Greetings from The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission** – Evan Lenow
President, The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville, TN
- 9:05 Convention Board Report** – Donnie Stuart
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Pastor, Rock Bluff Baptist Church, Daniel
- 9:15 Report from Constitution and Bylaws Committee** – Ryan Reed
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bruce
- 9:20 Report of Committee on Committees** – John Boler
Chair; Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
- 9:25 Business Session: Election of the President** – Shane Freeman
First Vice President, Mississippi Baptist Convention
Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church, Petal
- Testimony Video** – Jeff and Liesa Holeman, IMB
- 9:40 Worship in Song** – Combined Choirs
- 9:50 MBCB Report** – Jon Martin
Chief Strategy Officer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 10:00 Celebrating 50 Years of Disaster Relief Ministry** – Hubert Yates
Director, Disaster Relief, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
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- 10:10** **Worship in Song** – Combined Choirs
- 10:20** **Bible Treasures** – R. Albert Mohler, Jr.
President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 10:45** **Worship in Song** – Combined Choirs
- 10:55** **President's Address** – Andrew Chesteen
- 11:30** **Benediction** – Chris Moore
Administrative Pastor, First Baptist Church, New Albany
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Tuesday Afternoon | Second Session | October 27, 2026

- 1:30 Worship in Song** – Mississippi Singing Churchmen
- 1:40 Call to Order** – Shane Freeman
- 1:45 Scripture Reading (Romans 12.3-8) and Prayer** – Kathy McNair
Member, Union Baptist Church, Picayune; Former IMB Missionary
- 1:50 Greetings from the SBC Executive Committee** – Jonathan Howe
Vice President for Convention Administration, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 1:55 Bible Treasures** – R. Albert Mohler, Jr.
- 2:20 Worship in Song** – Mississippi Singing Churchmen
- 2:35 Business Session** – Andrew Chesteen
- Presentation of 2027 Budget** – Andy Brown
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville
- Results of Election of President**
Election of Convention Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- Testimony Video** – Blake Thompson, *President, Mississippi Christian University*
- 3:20 Worship in Song** – Worship Ministry, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Tupelo
Mattie Randle, Minister of Music
- 3:30 Business Session** – Andrew Chesteen
Election of Convention Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 3:40 Evangelism Task Force Report** – Bo Rice
Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brandon
- 4:05 Worship in Song** – Worship Ministry, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Tupelo
- 4:20 Convention Sermon** – Lowell Walker, Jr.
Pastor, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Tupelo
- 5:00 Benediction** – Charles Thurman
Pastor, Greater Harvest Baptist Church, Jackson
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Tuesday Evening | Third Session | October 27, 2026

Mississippi Sending Celebration

- 6:30 Call to Order** – Andrew Chesteen
- 6:35 Celebration of Faithful Service** – Greg Barker
Consultant, Bivocational Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 6:45 Video Testimony** – BSU Summer Missions
- 6:50 Worship in Song** – Kris Smith
Director, Worship Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 7:00 Message from the Executive Director** – Shawn Parker
Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- 7:30 New House Parent Commissioning** – Sean Milner
Executive Director, Baptist Children's Village and Family Ministries
- Commissioning Prayer** – Jimmy Henry
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; Former House Parent
- 7:40 The Church Planting Process**
John Allen May, *Director, 242 Network*
John Maxey, *Director, Church Planting and Revitalization, MBCB*
- Prayer of Blessing for Church Planters** – Wayne Marshall
Pastor Emeritus, Longview Heights Baptist Church, Olive Branch
- 7:50 Celebrating Our "Sent Out Ones" and Sending Churches** – Chad McCord
Director, Missions Mobilization, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
- Prayer of Blessing for "Sent Out Ones"** – Tom Thurman
Member, First Baptist Church, Columbia; Retired IMB Missionary
- Prayer of Blessing for Sending Churches** – Brett Frazier
Lead Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia
- 8:00 Time of Response** – Shawn Parker
- Worship in Song** – Kris Smith
- Benediction** – Tracy Moser
Director, Baptist Student Union, Blue Mountain Christian University
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Wednesday Morning | Fourth Session | October 28, 2026

8:30 **Call to Order** – Matt Olson

Second Vice President; Pastor, Sharon First Baptist Church, Laurel

Scripture Reading (2 Timothy 3.16-4.5) and Prayer – Barry Corbett

Retired Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko

8:35 **Recognition of Bivocational Pastor of the Year** – John Pace

Director, Leadership Development, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

8:45 **Worship in Song** – William Carey University Worship Choir and Band

Brandon Hardin, Director, and Will Bishop, Director

9:00 **Bible Treasures** – R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

9:25 **Business Session** – Andrew Chesteen

Adoption of 2027 Budget – Andy Brown

Committee on Nominations Report – Brad Eubank

Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Petal

Resolutions Committee Report – Matt Alexander

Chair; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville

Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report – Greg Belser

Chair; Senior Pastor, Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton

Adoption of Bylaw Changes – Ryan Reed

Miscellaneous Business – Andrew Chesteen

10:05 **Testimony Video** – Kyle Rosas, NAMB

10:10 **Introduction of University Presidents** – Andrew Chesteen

10:15 **William Carey University Report** – Ben Burnett, President

10:25 **Worship in Song** – William Carey University Worship Choir and Band

10:45 **Message** – Shane Pruitt

Next Gen Evangelism Director, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA

11:30 **Closing Remarks** – Andrew Chesteen

11:40 **Benediction** – Zach DePriest

*Student Ministries Consultant, Discipleship/Sunday School,
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board*

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr. has faithfully served as the President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Boyce College for over thirty years. Under his leadership, Southern Seminary and Boyce College have risen to the forefront of Christian theological education. Dr. Mohler is a distinguished theologian and a respected leader within the Southern Baptist Convention. Beyond his presidential role, Dr. Mohler is the host of three programs: "The Briefing," a daily analysis of news and events from a Christian worldview; "Thinking in Public," a program dedicated to intelligent conversation about frontline theological and cultural issues with the people who are shaping them, and "In the Library," a longform, in-person conversation with the people creating, shaping, and understanding the culture. He also serves as editor of *WORLD Opinions*, editing or writing daily commentary on the moral and cultural challenges facing our world today. As an author, Dr. Mohler has written several influential books, such as *The Conviction to Lead*; *Recapturing the Glory of Christmas*; *The Gathering Storm*, and served as the general editor of the *Grace and Truth Study Bible*. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Louisville, Kentucky, and are blessed with two children and four grandchildren.



Dr. 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 Christian University in 2015 before receiving the Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to accepting the call to FBC New Albany, he served for four years as the pastor at Tiplersville Baptist Church, Tiplersville. Andrew, originally from Winona, is married to Audra, and they have two beautiful children, Selah Joy and Drew. Andrew enjoys spending time with his family and serving God's people in New Albany.



Rev. Lowell Walker, Jr. has served as the Senior Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Tupelo, for 28 years. Lowell served as a bivocational pastor for 25 years at North Mississippi Medical Center as a Radiologic Technologist and a hospital staff chaplain. He was awarded Employee of the Year. After attending Howard County Junior College and Lubbock Christian College, Lowell's aspiration was fulfilled by playing in a semi-professional basketball league 1979-80 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Lowell received the Master of Divinity degree in 2015 from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is presently serving as a Consultant Strategist for Multicultural Ministries in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. In Lowell's leisure time, he enjoys watercolor painting landscapes of lighthouses and fly-fishing for bream and bass. Lowell and his beautiful wife, Jacklan, celebrated 45 years of marriage this past June. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



Rev. Shane Pruitt serves as the National Next Gen Director for the North American Mission Board (NAMB). He and his wife, Kasi, reside in Texas with their five children. He has been in ministry for over 20 years as a denominational leader, church planter, lead pastor, and student pastor. Shane is also a traveling communicator, evangelist, and Bible teacher. Every year he speaks to over a hundred thousand people about the good news of Jesus Christ. He is the author of two books, *9 Common Lies Christians Believe* and *Calling Out the Called*, as well as two Bible Studies, *Revival Generation* and *Not My Jesus*. Shane is one of the hosts of The GenSend Podcast.

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