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Hello Church,

How to stay encouraged for your New Year's Resolutions

As we are now 15 days into the New Year, many of us have set resolutions with the hope of making positive changes in our lives. However, as time passes, maintaining these resolutions can be challenging. We are creatures of habit, and we tend to go back to what is comfortable and easy and the way we have always done things.

We can draw strength and encouragement from the Word of God, and the Bible can help us stay focused and keep us from giving into our old habits.

Let me share several tips with you that might help you with your New Year's Resolution:

1. Reflect on God's Purpose

Proverbs 16:3 tells us, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." When you align your resolutions with God's purpose for your life it provides a clear sense of direction and motivation.

Practical Application: Before setting resolutions, spend time in prayer and reflection to understand how your goals align with God's will.

2. Seek Strength Through Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7 encourages us to present our requests to God through prayer and thanksgiving so we can experience His peace. When facing difficulties, turning to prayer can provide the encouragement needed to persevere.

Practical Application: Establish a regular prayer routine. Seek guidance and strength from God, especially when challenges arise.

3. Find Encouragement in Scripture

The Bible is a powerful source of encouragement. Romans 15:4 reminds us that through the endurance

taught in the scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we can have hope.

Practical Application: Identify specific verses that resonate with your resolutions and turn to them for inspiration whenever your dedication wanes.

4. Build a Supportive Community

Hebrews 10:24-25 emphasizes the importance of community in encouraging one another toward love and good deeds. Surrounding yourself with supportive individuals can strengthen your resolve.

Practical Application: Join a group or fellowship within your community that supports your goals. Sharing your journey with others keeps you accountable and motivated.

5. Embrace Perseverance

James 1:12 speaks to the blessing of persevering under trial. Staying resilient and patient, even when progress seems slow, is an essential part of achieving your resolutions.

Practical Application: Celebrate small victories along the way. Recognize that setbacks are part of the journey and use them as learning experiences.

Conclusion

Staying encouraged and focused on your New Year's resolutions can be fulfilling when grounded in faith. By integrating these biblical principles into your daily life, you can find the strength, hope, and perseverance needed to remain true to your commitments throughout the year.

In Christ,

Happy 2026

Bro Dennis Landrum

John 10:10

Join New Prospect Baptist Church for the

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Conference

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HIS HOLINESS



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LUSAKA BAPTIST CHURCH
LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

JANUARY 23-25



SESSIONS

1. THE HOLINESS OF GOD
2. HOLY AND JUST: THE GOD WHO JUDGES RIGHTEOUSLY
3. THE HOLY ONE WHO SAVES BY GRACE
4. SANCTIFIED BY THE HOLY ONE
5. BEHOLDING THE BEAUTY OF HIS HOLINESS

DINNER ON FRIDAY AND LUNCH ON SATURDAY IS PROVIDED

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

*Pre-registration is needed to
plan for food and childcare*



Remember to file with the
MS Secretary of State
January 15 – May 15, 2026

All churches must file annually by going to www.sos.ms.gov/business-services/non-profits and clicking “File Documents on a Non-profit.” Log in and select “File a Non-Profit Annual Report.” Search to find your church’s business ID number, if needed. The NAICS number for churches is 813110.

2026 SENIOR ADULT RALLIES

Date	Host	Address
JAN 19	LaBelle Haven	4800 Highway 305 N Olive Branch
FEB 23	Olive Branch FBC	9155 Highland St Olive Branch
MAR 16	Wyatte	257 Wyatte-Tyro Rd Senatobia
APR 20	Longview Heights	4501 Goodman Rd Olive Branch
MAY 18	EBTC	9664 W Commerce St Hernando
AUG 17	FBC Senatobia	317 S. Ward St Senatobia
SEP 14	Mt. Zion (Independence)	9290 Hwy 306 Coldwater

CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADER\$ SEMINAR

EQUIPPING CHURCHES WITH FINANCIAL CLARITY

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2026
GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
CLINTON, MS

Join us for an essential two-day event designed to help associational leaders, churches, pastors, and other ministry staff navigate the complex world of IRS regulations and tax issues specific to ministry. Led by Guest Speaker Johnny Rakestraw, a seasoned pastor and CPA, this conference provides practical guidance and resources to ensure financial integrity and clarity in your church operations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Associational Staff
- Pastors and Church Staff
- Budget & Finance Committee Members
- Church Treasurers and Financial Secretaries

Equip your ministry with the tools and understanding needed for responsible financial stewardship. Don't miss this opportunity to gain clarity and confidence in your church's financial practices.

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Church Financial Binder with IRS guidelines, best practices, and planning tools
- Friday night lodging on Garaywa's campus at Patterson Place
- Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast



Scan QR Code
to register!

Contact Stewardship/Prayer Ministries at 601-292-3347 or amckay@mbcb.org for more information.

Financial Report

Compiled by: Donna Fowler, Ministry Assistant

Organization	Monthly Gifts	YTD Gifts	Organization	Monthly Gifts	YTD Gifts
A Path of Grace	0.00	0.00	Lifepoint Church	50.00	600.00
Arkabutla Baptist Church	0.00	500.00	Longview Heights Baptist Church	2,500.00	38,000.00
Bethel Baptist Church	79.27	772.34	Longview Point Baptist Church	2,667.98	33,844.94
Boulevard Baptist Church	7,980.00	9,285.65	Looxahoma Baptist Church	414.40	5,756.42
Broadway Baptist Church	500.00	3,250.00	Macedonia Baptist Church	0.00	317.00
Calvary Baptist Church	20.84	229.16	Meadow Brook Baptist Church	3,133.62	36,145.04
Carriage Hills Baptist Church	450.06	2,650.21	Mercy Hill	0.00	496.00
Cedar View Baptist Church	202.17	2,350.73	Mt. Manna Baptist Church	1,305.00	12,884.00
Center Hill Baptist Church	0.00	1,200.00	Mt. Zion - Hernando	0.00	0.00
Church Road Baptist Church	619.92	7,638.84	Mt. Zion - Independence	225.00	2,700.00
Coldwater FBC	125.00	1,500.00	Nesbit FBC	938.10	11,285.72
Colonial Hills Baptist Church	166.67	2,000.04	New Garden Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Community Point Baptist	0.00	300.00	New Hope Baptist Church	54.65	641.52
Days FBC	447.00	7,036.00	New Prospect Baptist Church	100.00	1,200.00
Desoto Hills	4,272.81	42,429.52	Oak Grove Baptist Church	40.00	480.00
Desoto Woods	0.00	0.00	Olive Branch FBC	0.00	1,800.00
East Tate Baptist Church	0.00	600.00	Parkway Baptist Church	146.96	1,767.10
Eastpoint Baptist Church	100.00	1,300.00	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	50.00	650.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	455.79	3,164.16	Redeemer Baptist Church	0.00	3,420.00
Eudora	250.00	1,000.00	Riverbend	100.00	1,225.00
Evansville Baptist Church	208.57	2,514.48	Sarah Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Flag Lake Baptist Church	300.00	1,200.00	Senatobia FBC	450.00	5,590.00
Gracewood Baptist Church	511.90	7,098.32	Southaven FBC	578.73	5,866.86
Grays Creek Baptist Church	321.27	4,883.83	Strayhorn Baptist Church	203.00	2,355.00
Greenbrook Baptist Church	100.00	300.00	The Grove Baptist Church	125.00	1,500.00
Heartland	207.90	2,505.30	Trinity Baptist Church	117.00	1,197.97
Hernando Baptist Church	1,250.00	12,500.00	Twin Lakes Baptist Church	300.00	3,600.00
Highland Baptist Church	181.13	1,473.14	Tyro Baptist Church	340.00	3,635.00
Horn Lake FBC	271.44	3,281.91	Victory Baptist Church	100.00	450.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	1,000.00	12,000.00	Wyatte Baptist Church	0.00	5,000.03
LaBelle Haven	3,671.65	38,143.39			
			TOTALS	\$ 37,632.83	\$ 355,514.62

Totals include gifts to the Ervin Brown Training Center

RECEIPTS	MTD	YTD	CHECKING BALANCE	\$ 59,977.97
GENERAL RECEIPTS	\$ 36,203.91	\$ 337,655.98	CONTINGENCY FUND	\$ 52,922.05
EBTC RECEIPTS	1,428.92	17,858.64	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 112,900.02
OTHER RECEIPTS	1,397.27	40,509.90		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 39,030.10	\$ 396,024.52		
BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 32,880.27	\$ 394,563.18		
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 37,632.83	\$ 355,514.62		

DECEMBER
2025



Saturday, February 21 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Hernando Baptist Church | 11 E Center St • Hernando

Missions Madness is a co-ed event for children in grades 1-6. This day is designed to be a high-energy, fun day through missions learning and hands-on experiences.

For more information or to register, contact Katie McMinn at Hernando Baptist Church at 662-429-6361 or katie@hernandobaptist.org.

Registration deadline is February 10, 2026

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Oak Grove Baptist

Church in Hernando is
hiring a part-time
Music Minister.

Please send resumes to:

ogbcmusicminstersearch@gmail.com.

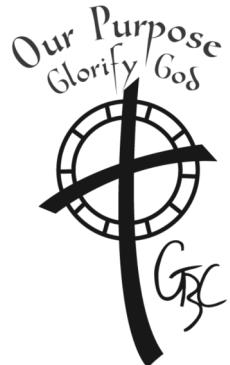


GRACEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

is prayerfully seeking God's direction
to find our new Associate Pastor/
Minister of Youth and Education.

Areas of service will include, but are
not limited to: office administration,
children & youth ministry, and
education ministry.

For job description or to submit a
resume, email
office@gbcsouthaven.com



**COLDWATER
BAPTIST CHURCH**

FBC Coldwater – Your Community Church

NOW HIRING: Part-Time NextGen Ministry Position

We are seeking a passionate individual to oversee ministry for children and youth. We're looking for someone who loves families and is committed to discipling the next generation. Join us in helping build a generation that is resilient, anchored in biblical truth, and shaped by Kingdom values. If you feel called to invest in the next generation and help strengthen our ministry to families and students, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to apply: Contact Rita Pounders, Ministry Assistant, at 662-622-7901 or email your résumé to churchsec.cfbc@gmail.com.

easttate baptist**church**

WE ARE

HIRING

**Part-time
Youth/Music Leader**

For more information please contact:

Nathan Boyd 662-560-7189

Send resumes to:

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January	
1	New Year's Day
19	Martin Luther King Day
19	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM at LaBelle Haven
20	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
22	Executive Meeting 11:00 AM at Redeemer
February	
7	Disaster Relief Training (Region 5) • Location TBA
14	Valentine's Day
16	President's Day
17	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
21	Disaster Relief Training (Region 4) • Location TBA
23	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM at FBC Olive Branch
March	
7	Disaster Relief Training Region 3 Location TBA
9-13	Desoto & Tate County Spring Break
16	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM at Wyatte
17	St. Patrick's Day
21	Disaster Relief Training Region 2 Location TBA
22	Association Bible Drill 2:00 PM at Longview Point
24	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office