

The Vision



2016 State Meeting
of the
Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists
May 16-17
Camp Beaverfork

Speakers:

Monday Evening - Rev. Tim Forman

Pastor of First FWB Church, Star City, AR

Tuesday Morning - Rev. Ben Ryan

Pastor of First FWB Church, Batesville, AR

Tuesday Evening - Rev. David Taylor

Executive Director, Arkansas Free Will Baptists

What Day Is It?

By David Taylor

“Aw, the good ol’ days.” How many times have you heard that said, or said it yourself? The phrase conjurs up images of an idealic time; it takes us back to Mayberry with Andy, Barney, Opie and Aunt Bea. Or maybe Mayfield and the Cleaver clan. Unfortunately, very few of us lived in such a place.

I would suggest to you that “the good ol’ days” are right now. We do not live in the past, nor the future. We live in the present. That’s the way God designed us. Our past is a good thing to remember, but we can’t live there.

When we dwell an inordinate amount of time in the past we lose sight of today, its blessings, and the good times it offers. And our life-span is too short for us to waste time outside of today.

Enoch enjoyed a very brief life; a mere 365 years. That sounds very long, but when you realize his father Jared lived 962 years, and his son, Methuselah, lived 969 years, Enoch’s life was indeed brief. Today we would say he was cut down in the prime of life.

Imagine for a moment Enoch spending his brief life living in “the good ol’ days.” Can you hear him bemoaning the way times had changed for the worst? Can you hear him comparing his day with “well, back in Adam’s day”?

No, let me tell you what the Scriptures tell us about Enoch. Twice we’re told that Enoch “walked with God.” Twice ... I think the double statement is significant. Enoch lived each day in a vital and vibrant relationship with the living God of creation. He saw and enjoyed each day’s blessings. He appreciated his past, but it was his “today” that occupied his full attention.

There may have been some good things about our past life, but it pales in comparison to the blessings of God that await us “today.” When we spend our days walking with God, we see His hand in the everyday events of life. We see His goodness, His grace, and His glory being magnified in and through us.

In this daily walk with God we gain a new sense of thankfulness. It’s a gratitude that brings satisfaction with what we have, rather than always thinking about what we want.

I have many fond childhood memories; at home, at school, with family, at church. They were “good ol’ days.” But I also believe that the best is yet to come. And that best begins with a daily walk with God.

Now, where did I put my walking shoes?

62nd Annual Arkansas WAC Meeting

Camp Beaverfork, Conway

March 12, 2016

Theme: “My Secret Place”

Scripture: Psalms 91

8:00 AM – Registration: Janie Campbell

8:30 AM – Morning Session

Congregational Singing

Seating of Delegates

Appointment of Committees

Missionary Share Time

Serve Your City Presentation

Brunch

10:30 AM – Business Session

Congregational Singing

Secretary’s Report: Brenda Housley

Treasurer’s Report: Melissa Haralson

Standard Committee Reports: Brenda Housley

Election of State Nominating Committee

WNAC Report

Miscellaneous Business

11:45 AM – Worship Service

Memorial Moment: Brenda Housley

Congregational Singing

Offering

Special Music

Speaker: Brenda Evans of Kentucky

Closing Remarks: Lisa Bowden

Lunch: On your own

Operation Appreciation: Remember to bring your items for the camp kitchen.

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2016 Nomination Schedule

for

Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Boards

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Kevin Barnett _____

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David Taylor (2017) _____

Tim Harris (2018) _____

Terry Spradlin (2018) _____

Mission Board

Kevin Jewell _____

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Jason Nichols (2018) _____

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Nelson Henderson _____

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Wendell Leckbee _____

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Keith Bowden _____

Hillsdale College Trustee:

David Taylor _____

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mail your nomination to the Nomination Committee
Chairman:*

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* Indicates ineligible for re-election

NOTE: Nominations may also be made from the floor
of the State Associational Meeting.

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Oak Grove Ordains Youth Pastor

Congratulations to Spencer Noel and his wife Sarah on his ordination as a youth pastor. Brother Spencer was ordained Sunday, January 3, 2016 at the Oak Grove FWB Church.

The ordination was followed by a fellowship and refreshments.

