

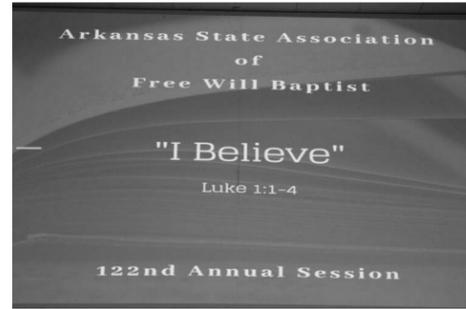
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# The Vision

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83<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
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# 2019 Convention Housing

National Association of Free Will Baptists

**Millennium Hotel Cincinnati**  
 150 West Fifth Street  
 Cincinnati OH 45202  
 513-352-2100  
**Rate: \$129**  
 Valet Parking: \$18  
 No self-parking on site



**Hyatt Regency Cincinnati**  
 151 West Fifth Street  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
 513-579-1234  
**Rate: \$155**  
 Valet Parking: \$35  
 No Self-Parking on site

**1. Prepare Personal Information.**

You will need the following:

- + Name(s), address, city, state, zip
- + Phone/email
- + Credit card information
- + Special requests: wheelchair accessibility, rollaway bed, or crib

**2. Contact the Hotel.**

+ Online reservations open on Monday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. EDT (9:00 a.m. CDT). Links to online reservations will be available at [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org). No phone reservations will be accepted on this day.

+ Phone reservations will open Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. EDT (9:00 a.m. CDT). Online reservations are encouraged to avoid long wait times.

**3. Things to Remember:**

- + Hotels are instructed NOT TO ACCEPT reservations before opening day.
- + Hotel rates do not include 17.5% tax.

**Reservation Cut-off Date:  
 Friday, June 21, 2019**

**The first night's room and tax will be charged for any canceled reservations.** The charge is non-refundable, but reservations are transferable. Available rooms may be posted at [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org) for transfer.

**Note:** Convention policies supercede hotel policy.

Visit [nafwb.org](http://nafwb.org) for additional convention information.



**Ministers' Wives'  
 Retreat**

**February 7 & 8, 2020**

**SEPTEMBER  
 23-25**

Change of Venue

*Hot Springs Arkansas*

The Comfort Suites, 320 Nash street Hot Springs Ar. 71913

**ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**2019 MINISTER'S RETREAT**

## 2019-2020 State Officers & Board Members

New state officers and board members were elected at our May 20-21, 2019 State Meeting.

**Moderator** ----- Tim Landers  
**Assistant Moderator** ----- Kevin Barnett  
**Clerk** ----- Wendell Leckbee  
**Assistant Clerk** ----- Jimmy Williams

### Executive Board

Mark Stripling  
 Tim Harris  
 Kendall Ross

Jason Sullivan  
 Ricky Rauls  
 Nelson Henderson

### ASM Board

Ben Gibson                      Andy Haskins  
 Daniel Young                    BJ Duvall  
 Jamey Cowgill                Loyd Miller

### Mission Board

Scott Warren  
 Tim Forman  
 Ron Parker

Jared Higgenbotham  
 Jeff Holland  
 Bobby Shepherd

### Christian Education Board

Danny O'Neal                  Doug Jones  
 Ben Campbell                 Jason Nichols  
 Mark Simmons                Tim Campbell



## 2019 CONVENTION PRAYER LIST

- 1 Safety of travel for all those attending the convention
- 2 Good health and effective leadership of meeting planners and volunteers
- 3 A good working relationship and testimony with workers and citizens of Cincinnati (convention center personnel, security officers, hotel staff, vendors, etc.)
- 4 Speakers at all convention worship services, seminars, and workshops
- 5 Musicians (vocal/instrumental) leading worship for services
- 6 Interpreters (Spanish & hearing impaired)
- 7 Production team members
- 8 Participants in the V3 CTS Ministry Expo events.
- 9 Impact Cincinnati and Serve the City service projects
- 10 Onsite Registration and the Exhibit Hall
- 11 Smooth, effective operation of the shuttle buses
- 12 Convention Business Sessions
- 13 A godly, positive, Christ-like attitude for all workers and attendees
- 14 Churches while pastors are away

THE EFFECTUAL, FERVENT  
 PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN  
 AVAILETH MUCH.  
 JAMES 5:16





### FWB Family Ministries

Mission accomplished. Last September, Tricia, a member of the Westside Free Will Baptist Church, promised to make a quilt for each child at the Ft. Chaffee Children's Home. By Christ each child would have his or her very own quilt.



Finding that the home housed 34 children was quite a surprise, but a promise is a promise. God had blessed Tricia with a talent and a love for sewing, as well as mountains of scraps and a place to sew.

By April Tricia had completed her goal with more than enough quilts for all the children. But here project was not done alone; the kindness of many others played a role.

At local estate and garage sales she found fabric, backing material, and material for the crests of the quilts. Items were donated. The ladies of the church gave batting. Judy Payne, the pastor's wife, helped with a setter and thread. Tricia's sister, Caron, donated many of the embroideries that made the quilts special.

Westside Free Will Baptist Church has been supporting the children's home for forty plus years.

### Welch College Graduates Fifty-Two

On May 10th, the second Commencement exercises on the new Gallatin campus saw 52 students conferred with degrees. The college awarded degrees in multiple programs, including two-year associate's degrees, four-year bachelor's degrees, and the Master of Arts degree in Theology and Ministry.

**Dr. Bruce Ashford**, provost of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, delivered this year's Commencement address.

**Dr. Mark Stripling**, pastor of First FWB Church, North Little Rock, addressed the graduating class at Baccalaureate.

Congratulations to Arkansas students **Keren Delgado** (Intercultural Studies, Magna Cum Laude) and **Madelynn Grace Crawford** (Biology) on completion of their degrees.



### Coming Events

- July 21-24 NAFWB Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Sept 23-25 Minister's Retreat @ Hot Springs
- Dec 9-10 NAFWB Leadership Conference, Nashville, TN
- Feb 7-8 Ministers' Wives' Retreat

### Randall Graduates Forty-Three

On Saturday, May 11th, 43 students graduated from Randall University. Nine of the graduates received their Master of Public Administration degree, 22 received their Baccalaureate Degree, and twelve received their Associate of Arts Degree.



Five students graduated from the School of Christian Ministry, and all are prepared to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the church and society at large.

We are proud of our Randall graduates, and you should be too. Through your generous support, you have made this possible for all 43 students.

### Pulpits Filled

Congratulations to the following churches on finding a new pastor:

- Antioch FWB, Russellville ... **Jimmy Williams**
- Mulberry FWB, Gravelly ... **Ronnie Morris**
- First FWB, Batesville ... **Jeff Elder**
- Lake Hills FWB, Hot Springs ... **Jonathan McEntire**
- Huntsville FWB, Huntsville ... **Roy Haffelder**

**Join the 2019 Prayer Team for the National Association in Cincinnati, Ohio!**

To join via computer, visit: <https://www.remind.com/join/2019pray>

To join from your mobile phone, text: @2019pray to the number 81010.

You can receive messages by email & text. All messages will contain prayer requests for the National Association. Thanks for joining!

**2019 Convention Speakers  
83rd National Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists**



**Paul Keener (OH)**  
Sunday School



**Tim Eaton (OK)**  
Sunday Morning



**Daniel Edwards (IN)**  
Monday Evening



**Tom Dooley (OH)**  
Tuesday Evening



**Terry Austin (DC)**  
Sunday Evening



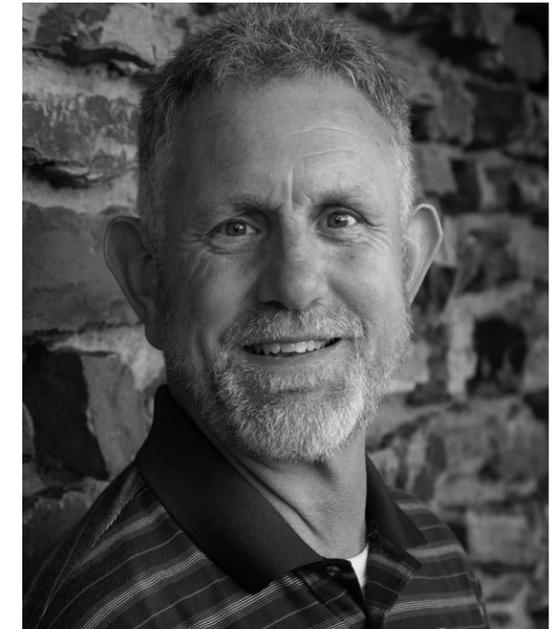
**Diego Cueva (VA)**  
Wednesday Evening

**IM Announces New Director of Mobilization**

Antioch, TN—General Director Clint Morgan announced Danny Gasperson, of Asheville, North Carolina, has accepted the position of director of mobilization. As part of his duties, he will also become the administrative director of The Hanna Project. Gasperson will begin his new role on July 1, 2019.

Morgan noted, “We are excited to have Danny join our home team. His work in missions, church mobilization, and discipleship clearly reveal his passion for missions. We look forward to the great impact his work and heart will have on IM’s efforts to “labor with the Body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission.”

Gasperson has pastored Zephyr Hills Free Will Baptist Church in Asheville for 19 years. He and his wife Jackie have promoted missions-awareness and involvement during their tenure. Danny once said, “We thought we were a ‘missions-minded church’, but discovered we were just a church that didn’t mind missions. As we examined our priorities and oriented them to God’s priorities, missions went from being part of the program to the heart of the program. Our people developed personal ownership of missions.” That heart for missions became evident as the congregation sponsored an annual prayer summit. Missionaries discovered Zephyr Hills attendees truly knew them—their prayer needs, their family members, their particular missionary efforts, and their fields of service. As a result, missionaries love to participate in this local church endeavor. Morgan affirmed, “We’d love to see Danny help churches across the country make a similar journey.”



Though a congregation of fewer than 100 people, Zephyr Hills is consistently one of the top donating churches to the WMO (World Mission Offering) and overall missions support. In 2018, Zephyr Hills gave more than \$32,000 to IM, ranking in the top 20 donating churches in the nation. Their \$19,200 WMO offering placed them at number four in the country. Gasperson regularly promoted IM and THP at association meetings and other FWB churches. He also encouraged churches in western North Carolina to participate in a Perspectives course, broadening their vision, understanding, and participation in the Great Commission. He has led multiple overseas trips with The Hanna Project, primarily in Central Asia. Many of his church members have participated in mission trips both overseas and in the States.

The 59-year-old was elected to IM’s board at the 2018 National Association of Free Will Baptists. His acceptance of the Director of Mobilization position will necessitate the election of a new board member at the 2019 convention in Ohio.

Danny graduated with a B.A. from Welch College in 1984. He earned his M.A. from Bob Jones University in 1985. Married for 37 years, he and his wife Jackie have two children, a son-in-law, and two grandsons.

Gasperson informed his church of the new position on Sunday, May 12. “Pray for Zephyr Hills,” Danny asked, “as they make adjustments and seek a new pastor. Jackie and I are eternally grateful to our wonderful Zephyr Hills Church family who faithfully loved, encouraged and supported us for the past 19 years. We, too, desire your prayers as we transition into this new stage of ministry. I am thrilled and honored to join the IM family to learn from and labor with them as we strive to make God’s Name famous to the ends of the earth.”

**World Mission Offering**

As of May 31st, **\$45,316.18** has been received in the State Office for the WMO.

Thank you for your generosity!

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