

# 2024 CONVENTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Term to Expire in 2027

Arkansas Delta Network	*Basil Joiner, pastor, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Bay
Big Creek	*Craig Golden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Viola
Calvary	Joe Garner, associational missionary, New Beginnings Community Church, Bald Knob
Carey	James Guthrie, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sparkman
Central	Billy Bartlett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Malvern
	*Derek Combs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jessieville
Clear Creek	Dale Walker, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Van Buren
Conway-Perry	Tom Stover, pastor, Thornburg Baptist Church, Perryville
Current-Gaines	*Mike Vinson, member, First Baptist Church, Corning
Greene County	*Tony Cherry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paragould
Harmony	*Paul Williams, pastor, First Baptist Church, White Hall
Independence	*Gene Tulberg, church staff, First Baptist Church, Batesville
Liberty	Terry Upchurch, pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, El Dorado
	*Clark Whitney, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado
Little Red River	Rondal Richardson, pastor, Heber Springs Baptist Church, Heber Springs
Little River	*Ben Jones, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Mineral Springs
Mississippi County	Todd Vinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Keiser
Mount Zion	*Bill Panneck, church staff, Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro
	*Jace Tubbs, church staff, Highland Drive Baptist Church, Jonesboro
North Arkansas	Bill Beach, pastor, Grubb Springs Baptist Church, Grubb Springs
North Pulaski	*Ricky Lee, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sherwood
Pulaski	*Peter Cunningham, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Bryant
Red River	Jimmy Darby, pastor, First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia
Tri-County	Justin Murphy, pastor, Beck Spur Baptist Church, Forrest City
Trinity	*R.J. Platz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lepanto
Washington Madison	Jeremy Roberts, pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmington
White River	Mike Donathan, pastor, Mountain Home Baptist Church, Mountain Home
District 2	Cheryl Toon, member, First Baptist Church, Batesville
District 3	*Loretta Reeves, member, West View Baptist Church, Paragould
District 4	*Ally Freeman, church staff, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith
District 7	Lisa Jones, member, Immanuel Baptist Church, Magnolia

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Centennial	Jimmy Albrecht, pastor, First Baptist Church, DeWitt
Current-Gaines	Kevin Murray, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Piggott
North Arkansas	Rob Davis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Harrison
Pulaski	Jordan Bowen, pastor, Hillcrest Community Church, Little Rock

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## ARKANSAS BAPTIST CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Term to Expire in 2027

*Jimmy Gassaway	member, Central Baptist Church, North Little Rock
*Bob Hall	pastor, First Baptist Church, Beebe
*Jennifer Medford	member, First Baptist Church, Brinkley
*Daniel Morris	pastor, First Baptist Church, Danville
*Rick Tanneberger	member, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville
Brian Trostle	church staff, First Baptist Church, El Dorado

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## ARKANSAS BAPTIST FOUNDATION

### Term to Expire in 2027

*Jordan Sharp	member, First Baptist Church, Rogers
Matthew Shepherd	member, First Baptist Church, El Dorado
Tommy Vaughan	member, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
*Chester Witherspoon	pastor, Tabernacle of God Baptist Church, Marion
*Sarah Young	member, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Cabot

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## CAMP SILOAM (ARKANSAS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)

### Term to Expire in 2027

*Bobby Clark	pastor, Abbott Baptist Church, Mansfield
*Artie Hudson, Jr.	pastor, First Baptist Church, Charleston
David O'Dell	pastor, Second Baptist Church, Jacksonville
David Joe Deaton	member, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Jonesboro
*Laurie Seabaugh	member, Central Baptist Church, Magnolia

### Term to Expire in 2025

Flint Harris	member, Cross Church, Fayetteville
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## OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

### Term to Expire in 2027

Craig Campbell	member, First Baptist Church, Russellville
Clay Cunningham	pastor, First Baptist Church, Benton
Jackie Harris	pastor, New Fellowship Baptist Church, Pine Bluff
*Donna Kelly	member, First Baptist Church, Cabot
*Mark Morris	member, First Baptist Church, Hamburg
Molly Shepherd	member, First Baptist Church, El Dorado
*Tom Thrash	member, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
Phillip Watts	member, Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock

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Terri Mardis	member, Cross Church, Springdale
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#### **WILLIAMS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

##### **Term to Expire in 2027**

*LeAnn Caudle	member, First Baptist Church, Bentonville
Don Blackmore	church staff, Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro
Stephen Harrison	pastor, The Summit Church, Saline County, Benton
*John Hill	member, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Jonesboro
Andy Miller	member, First Baptist Church, Melbourne
Tommy Miller	pastor, Union Valley Baptist Church, Beebe
*Terry E. Smith	member, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Walcott
Melvin York	pastor, First Baptist Church, Des Arc

##### **Term to Expire in 2026**

Shane Knight	member, First Baptist Church, Benton
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#### **BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION, MEMPHIS, TN**

##### **Term to Expire in 2027**

Murray Benton	member, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
*A. Watson Bell	member, First Baptist Church, Searcy
*Troy Wells	member, Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock

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#### **ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

##### **Term to Expire in 2027**

*Byron Eiseman	member, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock
Don Lehman	church staff, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith

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#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

##### **Term to Expire in 2027**

John Allen	member, First Baptist Church, Crossett
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#### **FUTURE SITES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

October 21-22, 2025	First Baptist Church, Russellville
October 20-21, 2026	First Baptist Church, Rogers
October 26-27, 2027	Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock
October 24-25, 2028	Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro
October 23-24, 2029	Central Baptist Church, Conway

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#### **2025 CONVENTION SERMON**

Preacher	Ryan Johnson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Elkins
Alternate	R.J. Platz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lepanto

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**2024 Convention Nominating Committee**

Kelly Jones, Chair	pastor, First Baptist Church, Monticello
Nathan Brown	pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton
Keith Clutts	retired church staff, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith
Ernest DeSoto	associational missionary, member Calvary Baptist Church, Malvern
Janet Gathright	member, First Baptist Church, Benton
Sean Mills	pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Conway
Chad Race	pastor, Pea Ridge Baptist Church, Pea Ridge
Adam Tarleton	pastor, First Baptist Church, Lincoln
Campbell Wilkerson	member, First Baptist Church, Crossett
Brad Lewter	pastor, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith; <i>Ex-officio member</i>