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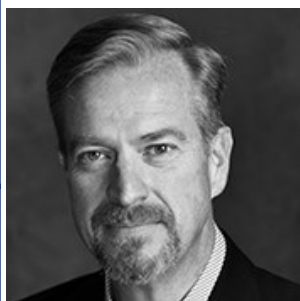
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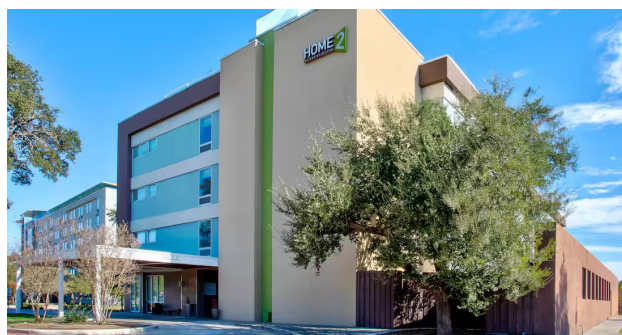
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I trust you will forgive the delay in receiving this newsletter. There are significant changes to the 2025 Meeting of the Texas State Association to announce, and we finally have the details. The association WILL NOT meet at Collin Creek Church in Plano. Due to circumstances outside their control, they have graciously asked to not host the meeting. The association WILL meet on June 11-12, 2025, at Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church (<https://www.lakehillsfreewillbaptist.com/>) in Cedar Park, Texas (1580 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park, TX 78613). We are grateful to Pastor Wes Hood and the church at Lakehills for hosting the meeting on short notice.



The theme for the 2025 Meeting is “Reimagining Church” and our keynote speaker is Eric Thomsen. Eric is the Managing Editor of ONE Magazine (<https://onemag.org/>), as well as a gifted speaker, writer, and Free Will Baptist historian. We will take a scriptural and historical look at what the church is and is not, how we came to where we are, and where do we go from here. Make plans now to be there!

We can also announce that we have a block of rooms available at the Home2 Suites by Hilton Austin/Cedar Park, TX, 14022 US Highway 183 Austin, Texas 78717. This hotel is located about 2.5 miles from the host church. The room rate is \$92 per night for a queen room, \$99 per night



for a king room, and \$115 for a queen/queen room. All rooms are suites and include a sofa sleeper and a kitchen. You can reserve your room by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/2025TexasMeetingHotel> or by scanning the QR code. The reservation page is automatically set to June 10-14. You can change those dates by clicking the date on the page. The hotel has agreed to honor the reduced rate for those dates for anyone who wants to arrive early or stay an extra day or two.



Don't forget that in addition to the evening services, there are other activities during the meeting. On Thursday, June 12, TWAC (Texas Women Active for Christ) will meet. At the same time, Eric Thomsen will be leading a session. And in the afternoon, we get down to business, which is officially the reason we have our annual meeting. Perhaps most importantly, there will be wonderful opportunities to fellowship with other Free Will Baptists from across the state of Texas, as well as those who come to our meeting to represent and report on our various denominational ministries. Trust me, you want to be at this meeting!



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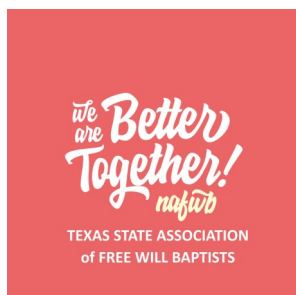
One of the roles John Collier serves as State Office Coordinator for the state association is to promote the work of the association both inside the state of Texas and around the denomination. This includes visiting district association meetings and local churches. As a pastor himself, his opportunities to visit our churches on Sundays are limited. If you would like to invite John to visit your church for a service or special event, please reach out to him directly at 903-570-8279 or wjcollier3@gmail.com.

Representation Fees (AKA: Dues)

The annual representation fees for local churches has increased to \$200 each for both the national and state associations as of January 2025. A church's fees must be submitted in order for the delegate(s) from that church to be recognized. If fees are not submitted to the national association, the church can not be recognized and will be removed from the national directory.

Feedback, Comments, Etc.

If you have feedback or comments about this newsletter, the annual state meeting, or anything else regarding the association, feel free to write or call John Collier, State Office Coordinator. As a state association, we exist for our local churches and district associations. We truly are better together!



April 12; July 12; October 11, 2025; January 10, 2026

East Texas District Meeting
Contact David Rudd, Clerk, for details
(etxrudds@reagan.com)

May 3; August 2; November 1, 2025; February 7, 2026

West Fork District Meeting
Contact Kevin Williford, Clerk, for details
(kwilliford10@gmail.com)

May 10; August 9; November 8, 2025; February 7, 2026

Central Texas District Meeting
Contact Sandy Pierson, Clerk, for details
(sgpierson1956@gmail.com)

June 11-12, 2025

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Meeting
Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church
Cedar Park, Texas

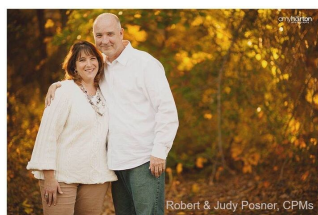
July 20-23, 2025

National Association of Free Will Baptists Convention
Kansas City, Missouri
For more information, go to nafwb.org/convention/

If you have events you would like to submit for this calendar, please send them to John Collier. Events will be published on this calendar at the discretion of the Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

24:16 Ministries

During our January 2025 Executive Board Meeting, we approved 24:16 Ministries as an affiliated ministry off the Texas State Association. To learn more about 24:16 Ministries and the work they do, visit <https://www.2416ministries.org/>. They com alongside men and women in both one-on-one and group mentoring, helping men to build and maintain a life of freedom from sexual sin and walking alongside their wives as they heal from the trauma of betrayal. Pray for Robert and Judy Posner as they lead this vital ministry. Also, please consider supporting this ministry financially. Welcome 24:16 Ministries to the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists!



If you know of or lead a ministry and are interested in affiliating with the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, please contact John Collier to get more information and start the process.

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