

# Convention News

2008 FREE WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION

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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

## Introducing Danita High

Nominee for WNAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer

THE WNAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE recently introduced Danita High (pictured at right) as its nominee for WNAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Delegates will vote on this recommendation tomorrow, during the annual WNAC business session.

Learn more about Danita and her family through her following candid answers about herself:

### What can you tell us about your Free Will Baptist heritage?

I have been a Free Will Baptist all my life. It is all I know, and I believe in our denomination. I am a fourth generation Free Will Baptist. It all started with my great grandfather who was a pastor and started a Free Will Baptist church in Bentonville, AR. My great-grandmother is still living, and to this day I find myself going to her for wisdom and prayer in my Christian life.

I grew up attending what was then known as "Women's Auxiliary" meetings with my mother. I absolutely loved going, and I always felt so grown up in the midst of all the women. I remember attending the Arkansas State WAC retreats as a young girl. Women Active for Christ has always been a part of my life, and I have fond memories of special women who devoted their lives to the cause of WNAC.

### Tell us about your family.

My husband John and I are both Arkansas natives. We are both blessed to have families with a rich heritage in Arkansas Free Will Baptists. John is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister, and he is my biggest support and my best friend.

We have pastored in Arkansas and Texas. I have two gifted children. Trice is ten, and Lillian is five. They are my delight.

### What types of hobbies and activities do you enjoy?

I enjoy singing, playing the piano, and speaking at various women's events, when opportunities arise. I love to read and journal, and I especially enjoy my early morning "quiet time" spent with my Heavenly Father. It is my time to fuel up, so to speak, for the challenges of the day.

### What qualifications do you bring to the Executive Secretary position?

As a pastor's wife, I have always promoted WNAC through our ministry in the church.

I have held various offices on both the local and district levels. I currently serve as the Polk Bayou District WAC President, and I serve on our state nominating committee.

I have visited churches throughout our district that do not have active WAC groups in an effort to enlist new membership.

I have a sincere passion for the ministry of WNAC and the future of our organization. I have made it my life ambition to encourage women of all ages and backgrounds to go above and beyond the "norm" in their walk with God—to serve God with their whole being wherever they are, and to be women of His beauty.

We have so many opportunities to serve in our homes, churches, communities, and around the world. The fields are white and ready to harvest. We must not miss one beat. There is much work to do.

### What is your job experience/professional background?

I currently serve as assistant vice president and department head for customer service and new accounts at a local bank. I have been in the banking industry since 1999. I have attended several banking/investment classes and graduated from the Arkansas State Trust School. I have also served as a trust officer and IRA administrator.

I serve on our bank's marketing team where I am responsible for advertising, marketing, and coordinating the bank's involvement in community events. I also serve on the budget planning committee responsible for preparing the annual marketing and advertising budget.

### What would you say to the women who are voting on your nomination tomorrow?

I come before our women with a servant's heart. I love Free Will Baptist women. I respect and admire those who have served ahead of me in this position. I did not take this nomination lightly. I prayed and toiled over the responsibility at hand. I am willing to follow God on whatever path He has for my family and me. I am both humbled and challenged. However, my family and I are willing to commit our lives to the cause.

Meet Danita at the WNAC convention booth after tonight's evening services.



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## GREAT REASONS TO VISIT THE CONVENTION EXHIBITS

ONE AREA OF THE CONVENTION is often overlooked by attendees—the Exhibit Hall. A virtual beehive of activity, the Hall buzzes with excitement from the moment it opens (Monday, 3 p.m.) until it closes at 10 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Why should convention attendees carve time out of their already busy schedules to visit the exhibits? Coordinator Debbie Burden says, "It is a great place to catch up with old friends, review the latest in ministry resources, and pick up great souvenirs for the folks back home!"

If those reasons aren't enough, consider the following great (and sometimes humorous) reasons to visit the Hall:

- 1. Freebies.** The delightful little trinkets distributed by many exhibitors will entertain your children all the way home.
- 2. Your wife can get a makeover** from two different exhibitors. A word of advice: Don't suggest that yourself. Let her find it on her own!
- 3. Find relief for tired feet** on the comfortable overstuffed furniture in a number of exhibits.
- 4. Empty your nest.** Hustle your high school students by one (or all four) of the Free Will Baptist college exhibits.
- 5. Learn more about Free Will Baptist** ministries—local, state, and national.

- 6. Take home fresh ideas for home and church** as you review new Christian products and gain insight from ministry professionals.
- 7. In spite of what** Moderator Tim York might say, exhibits are the perfect escape from convention business.
- 8. Win a prize.** Fill out an entry card for a chance to win exhibit hall prizes.
- 9. Get a boost at the bistro.** Visit International Missions for coffee and biscotti.



# 2008 Convention Nominees

## STANDING BOARDS

### FWB Bible College Board of Trustees

- 2014 Bob Bass (TN)**  
Replacing Bob Bass (TN)  
**Rusty Russell (NC)**  
Replacing Gene Outland (IL) who is ineligible for re-election  
**Richard Hendrix (AL)**  
Replacing Archie Ratliff (NC) who is ineligible for re-election

### International Missions Board

- 2014 Jeff Manning (NC)**  
Replacing Jeff Manning (NC)  
**Paul Creech (GA)**  
Replacing Bill Van Winkle (TX) who is ineligible for re-election  
**Robert Morgan (TN)**  
Replacing David Williford (TN) who is ineligible for re-election

### Randall House Publications Board

- 2014 Steve Lindsey (TN)**  
Replacing Nuel Brown (CA) who is ineligible for re-election  
**Danny Dwyer (NC)**  
Replacing Danny Dwyer (NC)  
**Randy Scott (AR)**  
Replacing David Reece (TN) who is ineligible for re-election

## COMMISSIONS

### Commission for Theological Integrity

- 2013 Matt Pinson (TN)**  
Replacing Matt Pinson (TN)

### Historical Commission

- 2013 David Crowe (TN)**  
Replacing David Crowe (TN)

### Media Commission

- 2013 Mark Ousley (TN)**  
Replacing Mark Ousley (TN)  
**Travis Penn (IL)**  
Filling an unexpired term previously held by Doug Kite (NC)

### Music Commission

- 2013 James Stevens (TN)**  
Replacing James Stevens (TN)

## GENERAL OFFICERS

- Moderator: Tim York (TN)**  
Replacing Tim York (TN)

- Assistant Moderator: William Smith (GA)**  
Replacing William Smith (GA)

- Clerk: Randy Bryant (FL)**  
Replacing Randy Bryant (FL)

- Assistant Clerk: Ernie Lewis (IL)**  
Replacing Ernie Lewis (IL)

## GENERAL BOARD

- 2011 Chris Clay (IN)**  
**Jim Martin (IA)**  
**Zane Brooks (KS)**  
**Chris Sturgill (KY)**  
**Bud Bivens (Mexico Association)**  
**Gene Norris (MI)**  
**Wayne Hale (Mid-Atlantic)**  
**J.L. Gore (MS)**  
**Gary Fry (MO)**  
**William Brown (NJ)**  
**Mark Shores (NM)**

Filling an unexpired term:

- 2009 Brent Nix (Northwest District)**  
**2010 George Harvey (AZ)**  
**Chad Kivette (CO)**

# Make the Most of Your Church Piano

DON'T MISS THE HELPFUL two-part seminar series, designed for church pianists of all skill levels.

The first seminar, "Piano Improvisation and Modulation 101," will teach practical techniques for the keyboard, including smooth modulations and transitions between songs and the basics of understanding a chord chart.

The second seminar, "Piano Improvisation 201 for the Church," will introduce several advanced improvisational techniques for the church keyboardist.

Both seminars will be presented by composer Dr. James Stevens (pictured at right), the first on Tuesday, July 22, from 2-4 p.m. in room 205 of the Civic Center. The second (also in room 205) will be Wednesday, July 23, from 2-4 p.m.



### The Summit of Music Ministry

Take part in the "Music Ministry Summit" to be held on Wednesday, July 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in room 205 of the Civic Center. The session, sponsored by



the Music Commission, will be hosted by Chris Truett. The open forum will discuss various worship topics faced by worship leaders around the country. Participants will share ideas, ask questions, and form networks with others involved in music ministry.

For more information about the seminar series, visit the Music Commission booth (55) in the convention Exhibit Hall.

## Tuesday Highlights...

- Red Cross Blood Drive**  
(10:00 am - 5:00 pm) CCC Lounge  
**Setting Up a Successful Children's Church**  
(11:00 - 11:45 am) CCC Room 206  
**Teaching The Brink to Young Adults**  
(11:15 am - 12:00 pm) CCC Room 205  
**How to Have a Thriving Ministry in Your Public School**  
(1:00 - 1:45 pm) CCC Room 206

### Meet Your Missionary

- (1:00 - 1:45 pm) CCC Room 208-209  
**Teaching Parents How to Be Spiritual Leaders in the Home**  
(2:00 - 2:45 pm) CCC Room 206  
**Children/Tweener Choir**  
(3:00 - 4:00 pm) CCC Room 208  
**How to Lead Children to Christ: A Simple Method**  
(4:15 - 5:00 pm) CCC Room 206

For more info, check the *Convention Programs*.

# CONVENTION UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Take the Convention Home

Stop by the Convention Recordings Office (near the Grand Hall South entrance) to pick up a CD, DVD, VHS, or cassette of services and seminars. Each recording contains the complete service including music and speaker. CDs and cassettes are \$5 each; DVD and VHS are \$10 each.

### Registration Times

Registration is open Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Upper Lobby of the Civic Center.

### Music Rehearsals

The **Convention Orchestra and Praise Team** will meet on the main stage each day at 4:00 p.m. Mass Choir rehearsals will be held on the main stage of the Convention Center.

Monday	8:40 - 9:30
Tuesday	5:45 - 6:40/8:40 - 9:30
Wednesday	4:30 - 5:30

### Players Needed

If you are interested in playing in the 2009 National Convention Orchestra, please see Chris Truett or fill out a form at the Music Commission Booth in the Exhibit Hall.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. is a private, religious gathering. The convention reserves the right to limit attendance to delegates and guests and will take legal recourse against disruptive persons. For security reasons, all parcels are subject to inspection.

### No Handouts, Please!

Please refrain from distributing flyers or materials within the Coliseum or exit hallways following the conclusion of the evening service. Materials may be distributed in the Civic Center lobby, as long as the flow of people from the coliseum is not restricted.

For more information about announcements and other forms of communication, please contact Convention Managers Keith Burden or Eric Thomsen in the convention office.

### Need to Check Your Email?

Complimentary internet service is being offered at the Internet Cafe near the Registration Booths in the Civic Center.

### Mission Opportunity

If you have a group who is looking for a chance to get involved with missions, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama, wants your help. For more information, call Allan Austin, 205-522-0675, or Mike Nabors, 205-300-2563.

### 2008 Registration Totals

As of noon today, the convention had registered the following:

National Convention.....	2,969
National Youth Conference.....	3,746
WNAC.....	860
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7,575</b>

### Welch to Sign Books

Well-known author Dr. Bobby Welch will sign books in the foyer of the Little Theater following the Pastors/Laymen Conference on Tuesday morning.

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## Book Signings



**Edward E. Moody, Jr., Ph.D.**  
Author of *First Aid for Emotional Hurts*  
Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 PM



**Robert J. Morgan**  
Author of *Lola Mazola's Happyland Adventure*  
Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 PM



**Ron Hunter Jr. and Michael E. Waddell**  
Authors of *Toy Box Leadership*  
Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 PM

ALL BOOK SIGNINGS WILL BE HELD  
AT THE RANDALL HOUSE BOOTH