

2026 • 100th Session • HOT SPRINGS, AR  
June 22 - 25



“One generation shall praise thy works to another,  
and shall declare thy mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4



EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON AT HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER  
400 Convention Blvd - Hot Springs, AR 71901

Rate: King or 2 Queens – \$189 + tax.

Minimum Stay: 3 nights required

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanbaptistassocblock/>

We highly recommend using the booking link. If that is not possible, call 501-624-9200 or 1-800-Embassy and reference code 94P.

Features & Amenities

- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center
- EV Charging
- Resort Fee waived for the ABA
- All rooms are suites with separate living and sleeping areas
- Microwave, mini-refrigerator, coffee maker, and safe in every suite
- Complimentary basic Wi-Fi in rooms and public areas
- Discounted self-parking: \$10 per night
- Valet parking: \$20 per night
- Complimentary parking available across the street and behind the hotel
- Shuttle service: \$5 per person round trip
- Check-in: 4:00 PM (early room assignment based on availability)
- Check-out: 11:00 AM



THE HOTEL HOT SPRINGS  
305 Malvern Avenue - Hot Springs, AR 71901

Rates: Single - \$129 + tax, Double - \$139 + tax, Triple - \$149 + tax, Quad - \$159 + tax

Booking Link: <https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?hotelID=14416&lang=en-us&group=ABA26&hgID=0&currID=1&dt1=9667&nights=6&rooms=1&adults=1&child1=0&child2=0&child3=0&child4=0>

We highly recommend using the link. If that isn't possible, call 501-623-6600 and state that you are with the American Baptist Association.



Features & Amenities

- Resort Fee waived for the ABA
- Inside Track Restaurant – On-site
- Business Center – 24-hour
- 24-hour Sundry Shop
- Guest rooms include refrigerator, microwave, Keurig coffee maker, large flat-screen TV, desk, iron & ironing board, and full bath with shower (no tub)
- Excellent downtown views
- Parking: normally charged, but complimentary for ABA guests in the parking deck (½ block away)
- Complimentary Shuttle within a 4-mile radius
- Fully ADA compliant
- Check-in: 4:00 PM (early room assignment based on availability)
- Check-out: 12:00 Noon

## SHARED BENEFITS

Both hotels include:

- Full breakfast buffet
- Enclosed interior walkways connecting directly to the Hot Springs Convention Center for fully indoor access

## RESERVATION DATES:

Reservations open on January 12 and close on May 21, 2026.

## RESERVATION LINKS FOR OVERFLOW HOTELS

Courtyard by Marriot Hot Spring: \$129 Nightly

<https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1770042883326&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Comfort Inn & Suites Hot Springs Midtown: \$109 Nightly

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/YE03U5>

Comfort Suites Near Hot Springs Park: \$119 Nightly

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZA07L8>

LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Hot Springs: \$108.78 Nightly for King, \$123.23 Nightly for Double

<https://groups.wyndhamhotels.com/housing/american-baptist-association-messenger-assembly-sqwwmuqt>

All meetings are scheduled to take place at the Hot Springs Convention Center or Embassy Suites.  
There is no parking charge at the convention center.

## Sunday Morning Services

*Both Meadow View MBC and Center Fork MBC invite you to join their services on Sunday, June 21, 2026.*

- *Meadow View MBC and Pastor Shaun Holland invite you to join them for Sunday services, 1760 Hwy 270, Malvern, AR 72104. Sunday School begins at 10:15 and worship at 11:00. A meal will be served at the church following the morning service and would love for you to stay and fellowship.*
- *Center Fork MBC and Pastor Scott Bates invite you to them for their Sunday services with guest speaker, Chase Reynolds of MTM. Center Fork MBC is located at 1101 S. Moore in Hot Springs, 11 miles from downtown. Sunday School begins at 9:30 and worship is at 10:30. Lunch and fellowship will follow the services.*

*Scan the QR Code to complete the "Host Church Lunch RSVP Form" if you plan on attending lunch at either church on June 21, 2026.*



## A NOTE TO OUR CHURCHES:

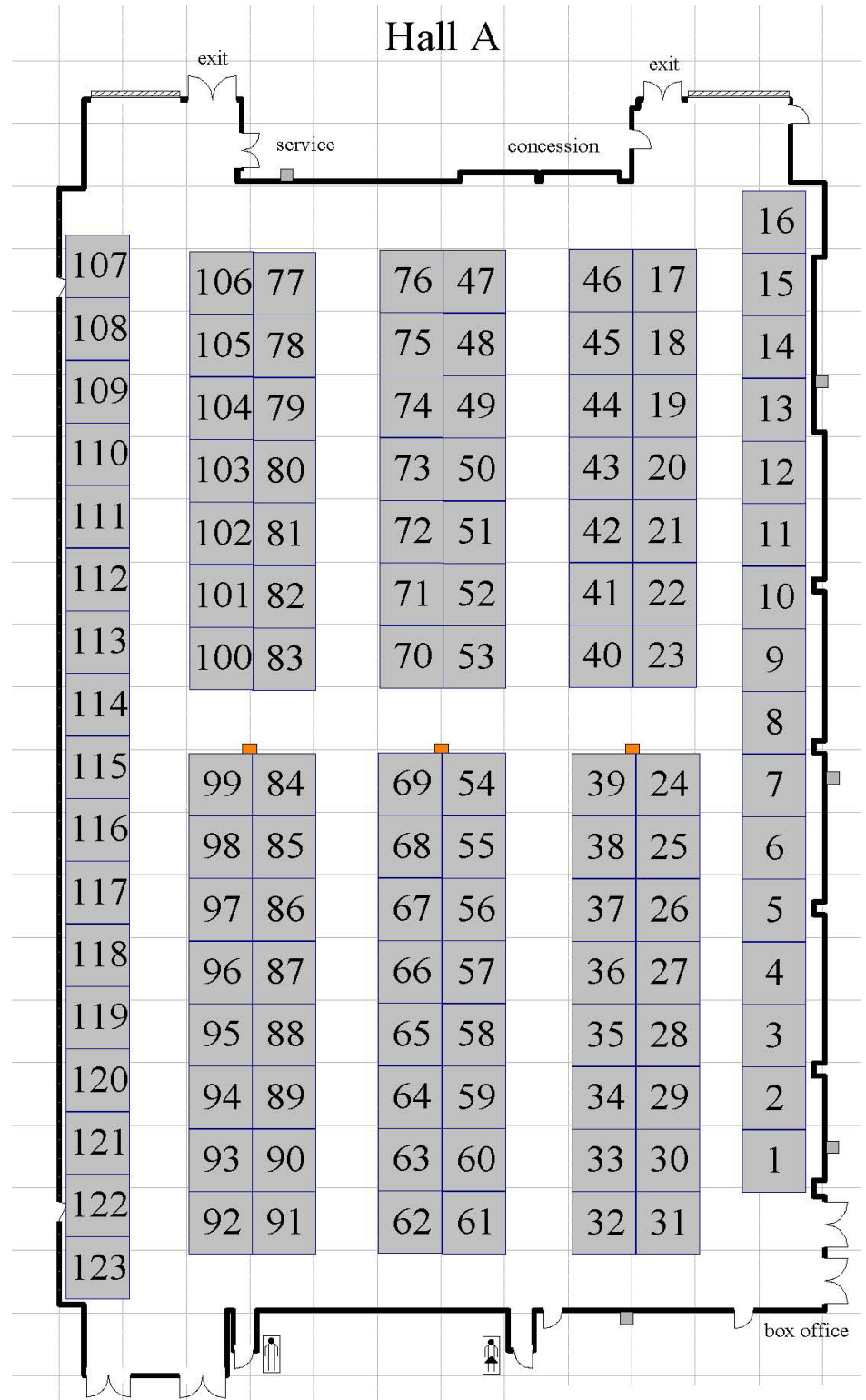
The 2026 Meeting in Hot Springs will incur higher expenses for the convention center, audio/visual services, printing, and other essential support. We kindly ask each church to prayerfully consider a meaningful increase in its giving to the Expense of Meeting Fund. Your faithful support helps make our annual messenger assembly possible.

# Exhibits

## Exhibitors

We have 123 - 10' x 10' booths available this year.

For more information contact:  
 Neal Sutton  
 Director of Meeting  
 Arrangements  
 307 Beaver Lake Drive  
 Texarkana, TX 75501  
 903.244.2647



# Meal Functions

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE CHAPLAINS' BREAKFAST**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

7:00 - 8:30 AM

EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

Contact: Wayne Hunter  
352.572.7809  
waynehunter65@gmail.com

## **MISSION BUILDERS BREAKFAST**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

7:00 - 8:30 AM

207-208, CONVENTION CENTER

Contact: Brant Lane  
770.861.5566  
Paul Lamb  
770.855.8437  
Josh Doremus  
352.457.3555

Menu: Farm-Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Yukon Gold Potatoes, Maple Pecan Danish, Breakfast Breads, Orange Juice, Coffee and Hot Teas.

## **36th ANNUAL PREACHERS, DEACONS & WIVES OVER 55 PLATED LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

Must have a minimum of 30 guests

*MENU: Lemon thyme grill chicken breast, citrus and roasted garlic pan sauce, house salad with ranch and raspberry vinaigrette, chef's selection of starch and seasonal vegetable, assorted rolls, and chef's selection of desserts, iced tea and fresh-brewed gourmet coffee station. Dietary desserts available upon request.*

\$42 inclusive

Complete the form on [abaptist.org](http://abaptist.org) if interested.

## **20th ANNUAL POST DINNER**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

6:00 - 8:30 PM

EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

Must have a minimum of 30 guests

*MENU: Pan-seared chicken breast with white wine & herb beurre blanc served with a house salad, chef's selection of seasonal vegetable, starch, and dessert. Fresh-brewed iced tea, coffee and artisan bread.*

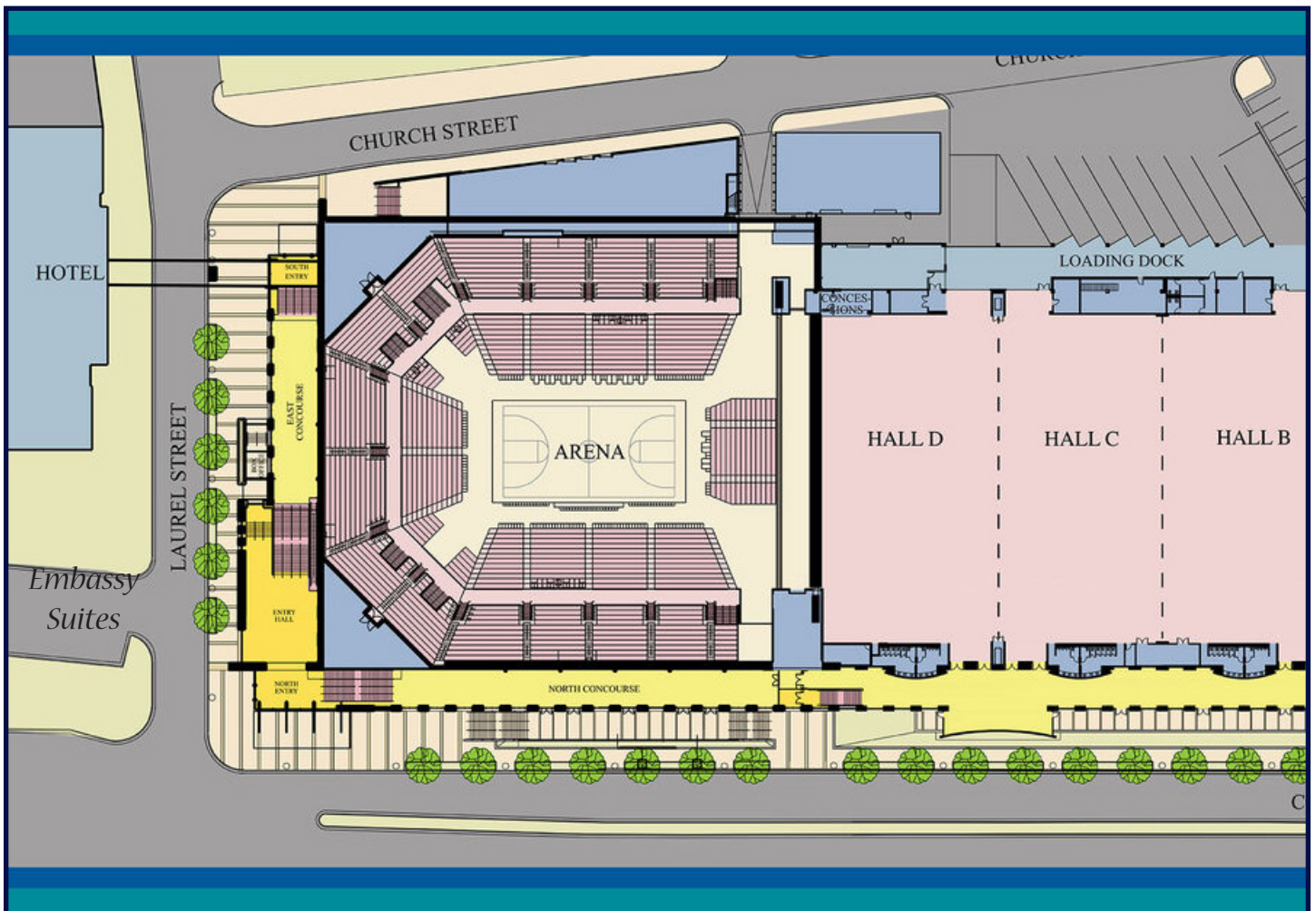
\$59.00 inclusive

Complete the form on [abaptist.org](http://abaptist.org) if interested.

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**A PK Club (Preachers' Kids) Reunion** is planned for Wednesday, June 24, following the evening service in the Embassy Suites Diamonds Lakes room. If interested, Please email Neal Sutton at [aba@nealsutton.com](mailto:aba@nealsutton.com) or select Yes on the Name Badge registration form.

All Meetings will be held in the  
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or Embassy Suites.

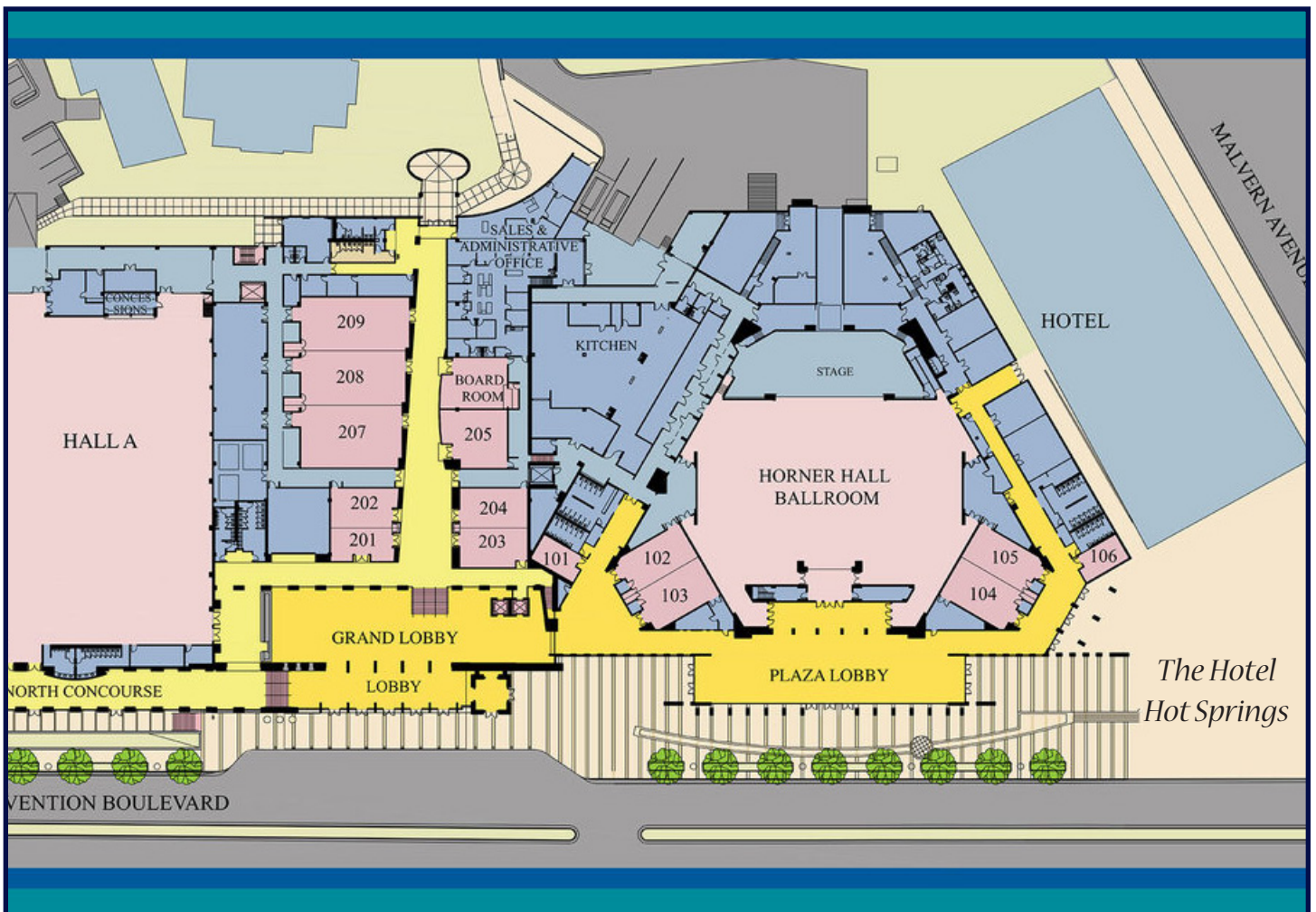


## NAME BADGES

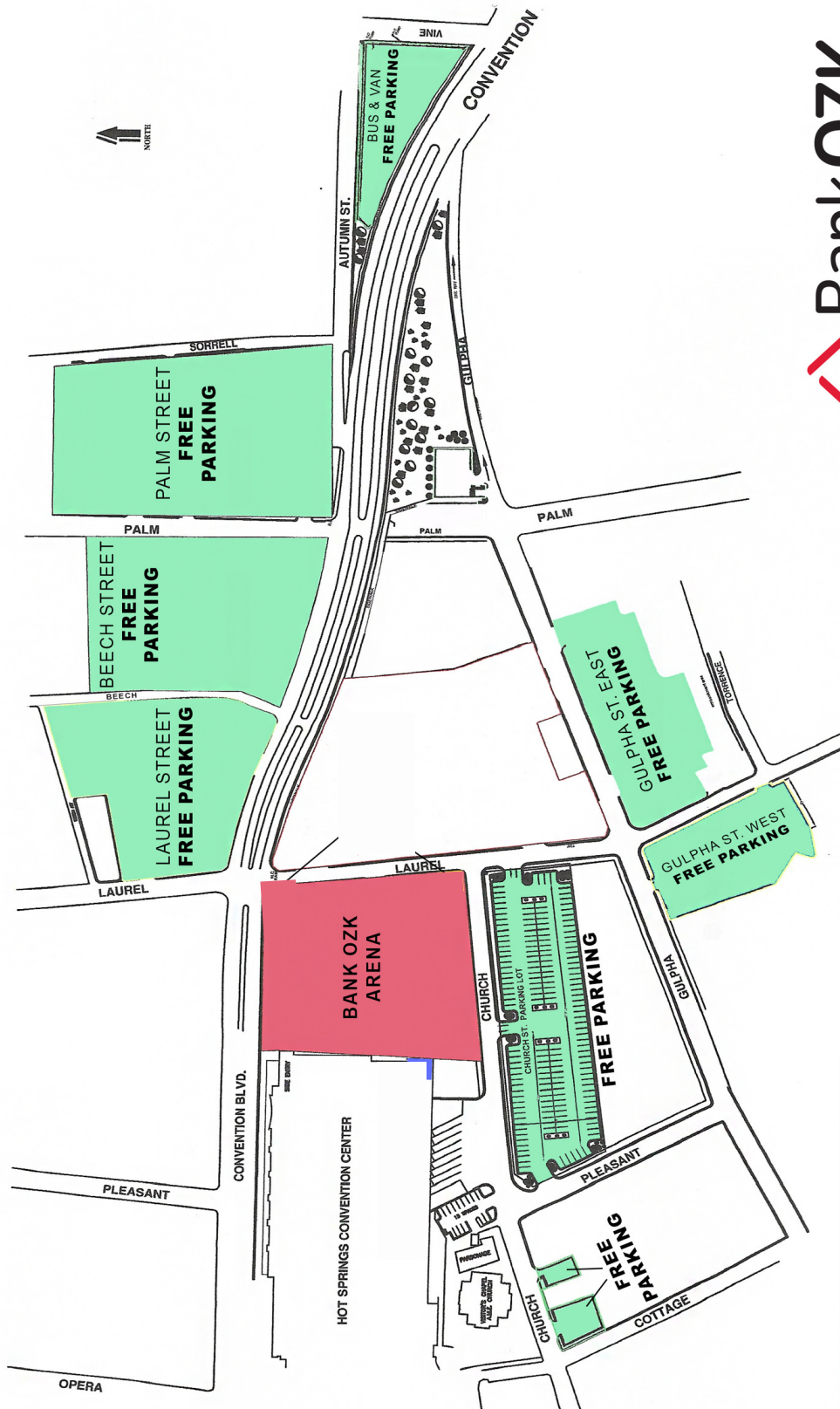
To help prepare, please register at the same time you book your hotel or submit exhibitor contract. **All badges will be printed before the meeting and WILL NOT be printed at the meeting.**

## ENROLLMENT AND FINANCE

Enrollment and Finance will be located at the entrance to General Sessions, Hall B & C.



# Map of Free Parking Areas



# 2026 Schedule of Events



## MONDAY, JUNE 22

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

WELCOME RECEPTION  
MESSENGERS & GUESTS  
GRAND LOBBY

Sponsored by Missionary Baptist Seminary,  
Little Rock, AR

**7:00 - 10:30 PM**

MISSIONARY SHARE TIME  
EXHIBIT HALL BCD

**7:30 - 9:00 PM**

ABA SCHOOLS MEETING  
205 (MAJESTIC)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**7:00 - 8:30 AM**

PAST PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST  
EMBASSY SUITES OAKLAWN ROOM

**7:00 - 8:30 AM**

INTERSTATE MISSION DEVELOPMENT  
MEETING  
104

**7:45 - 9:15 AM**

CHORAL MUSIC WORKSHOP  
203-204

**8:00 - 9:00 AM**

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
OFFICERS' MEETING  
208-209

**8:00 - 9:30 AM**

NATIONAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVES  
COMMITTEE  
202 (MCMATH)

**8:30 - 10:00 AM**

MBSF COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
201 (KELLEY)

**8:30 - 10:30 AM**

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE  
207

**9:00 - 10:30 AM**

ABA DISASTER RELIEF  
102

**9:00 - 10:30 AM**

ABA CAMP WORKSHOP  
103 (WHEELER)

**9:00 - 11:30 AM**

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION  
LOBBY BY 208-209

**9:00 - 11:30 AM**

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
WORKSHOP & MEETING  
208-209

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

NATIONAL YOUTH MEETING  
203-204

**10:00 - 11:30 AM**

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE  
EXHIBIT HALL BCD

**11:45 AM - 1:30 PM**

ABA OFFICERS LUNCHEON  
EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

THE GOOD FIGHT MINISTERS' WIVES  
CONFERENCE  
207-208

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**7:00 - 8:30 AM**

MISSION BUILDERS' BREAKFAST  
207-208

**7:00 - 8:30 AM**

LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC  
SERVICE CHAPLAINS' BREAKFAST  
EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**

MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE  
LUNCHEON (by invitation)  
207

**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM**

34TH ANNUAL PREACHERS,  
DEACONS, & WIVES OVER 55  
LUNCHEON  
EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

**9:15 - 10:30 PM**

PK REUNION RECEPTION  
EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25

**8:00 - 9:00 AM**

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
NEW OFFICERS' BREAKFAST  
EMBASSY SUITES BOARDROOM

**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

18TH ANNUAL POST DINNER  
EMBASSY SUITES DIAMOND LAKES

## TUESDAY - THURSDAY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
202

Reservations must be made with  
Neal Sutton

## SECURITY:

The Security Committee is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for the 2026 Messenger Meeting. As part of this effort, we are implementing measures to vet all attendees at sessions and related events. A key focus is the issuing of badges (credentials) and requesting attendees to wear them at all times during sessions.

Wayne Hunter, Chairman  
Security Committee

# Proposed Agenda



## MONDAY, JUNE 22

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Exhibitors may set up booths

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 23

3:00 - 4:15 PM

### Opening Session of Messenger Assembly

Music  
Scripture and Prayer  
Call to order by President  
Welcome to Hot Springs  
Response to Welcome  
Presentation of Senate Citation  
Presentation of Proposed Agenda  
Necessary Business  
Presentation of Meeting Place Invitations  
Posting of the Colors  
Pledge of Allegiance  
National Anthem  
Prayer  
Music  
Introduction of President  
Special Music  
Presidents Keynote Address:  
Micah Carter, Magnolia, AR  
Memorials Presentation  
Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Hymn

4:15 - 6:30 PM

Exhibits Open

## TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 23

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Scripture and Prayer  
Music  
Worship Music  
Introduction of Speaker  
Special Music  
Annual Sermon:  
Roger Copeland, Texarkana, AR  
Response and Invitation  
Expression of Appreciation  
VBS 2027 Presentation  
Announcements  
Scripture and Prayer  
Song of Celebration

9:15 - 10:30 PM

Exhibits Open

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 24

9:15 - 11:30 AM

Scripture and Prayer  
Music  
Missionary Committee Business  
Secretary-Treasurer Report

Missionary Committee Report  
Election of Missionary Committee  
Election of Secretary Treasurer  
Special Prayer for Mission Work  
Nominations for Annual Sermon 2027  
Nominations for Mission Sermon 2027  
Report of Camp Trustees  
Election of Camp Trustees  
Report of the Chaplaincy Commission  
Patriotic Medley  
Election of the Chaplaincy Commission  
National Youth Fellowship Report  
Miscellaneous Business  
World Missions Focus Promo Video  
Scripture and Prayer

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Exhibits Open

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 24

1:00 - 3:00 PM

### World Missions Focus - "Cities and Villages"

Speakers: Matthew Thompson  
Brandon Rutherford

### Bogard Press Presentation

National Bible Challenge  
VBS Presentation

3:00 - 5:30 PM

Exhibits Open

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 24

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Scripture and Prayer  
Music  
Missions/History and Archives Program  
Special Prayer for Missionaries  
Mission Offering  
Introduction of Speaker  
Special Music  
Mission Sermon:  
Gediminas Kapustavicius  
Response and Invitation  
Expression of Appreciation  
Announcements, Scripture and Prayer  
Song of Celebration

9:15 - 10:30 PM

Exhibits Open

10:30 - 11:30 PM

Exhibits move out

## THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 25

9:15 - 11:30 AM

Scripture and Prayer  
Music  
Select 2029 Meeting Place  
Baptist Sunday School Report

Report of CEO  
Election of CEO  
Report of the Editor in Chief  
Election of the Editor in Chief  
Special prayer for Business CEO and Editor in Chief  
Election of the Baptist Sunday School Committee  
Report of the History and Archives Committee  
Election of the History and Archives Committee  
Law Enforcement and Public Service Chaplains Report  
Security Committee Report  
Enrollment and Finance Committee Report  
Resolutions Committee Report  
MBSF Report  
National Women's Conference Report  
Good Fight Ministers' Wives Conference Report  
Coral Music Workshop Report  
Miscellaneous Business  
Election of Annual Sermon Speaker for 2027  
Election of Mission Sermon Speaker for 2027  
Scripture and Prayer

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 25

1:00 - 3:45 PM

Scripture and Prayer  
Hymn  
Election of Officers  
New Standing Missionary Committee Report  
New Baptist Sunday School Committee Report  
Recognition of Officers  
Scripture and Prayer  
Music

2027 MEETING IN ERIE, PA  
JUNE 21-24, 2027

The ABA provides NO CHILD CARE.