



Frequently Asked Questions

November 15 – 17, 2026 · Sevierville Convention Center · Sevierville, Tennessee

EVENT BASICS

Q: What is Summit?

Summit is the Gathering of Tennessee Baptists, including the official annual business meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Summit is made up of the Tennessee Reunion, the TBC Pastors Conference, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, as well as many ancillary events for different affinity groups.

The Tennessee Reunion is a faith-family worship service with Tennessee Baptist Churches. The Pastors Conference is a time of praise, worship, and inspiration as pastors and others gather for a series of messages and music, as a preamble to the Summit. More information can be found on the Pastors Conference event webpage [here](#). The Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is the business meeting of the convention where messengers of churches to the convention vote on business, budgets, and leadership.

The other events that happen as a part of Summit can be found on the Activities Pages, which will be made available online closer to the event.

This year, there will also be two Post-Summit Events, the *REFUEL* minister's wellness breakfast event and the Summit Scramble Golf Tournament. The discounted rate with the Wilderness at the Smokies includes Tuesday and/or Wednesday night if you would like to stay for these events! More information on these can be found on the Activities Pages, which will be made available online closer to the event.

Q: Is Summit Only for Church Pastors?

No, Summit is not only for your pastor! Summit is a time for all Tennessee Baptists – Pastors, Ministers' Wives, Missions Leaders, Lay Leaders, and everyone in between – to come together and fellowship, worship our Lord, and further His Kingdom. Summit will include many different times of fellowship to bring you together with others from across our lovely state. We will also have breakout sessions and banquet events geared towards different interest groups, such as Church Planters, Missions, BCM, Disaster Relief, Discipleship, Associations, Age-Group Ministries, and more! More information on all the events that happen as a part of Summit will be made available on tbcsummit.org as we get closer to the event.

Q: When does Summit start?

The first event of Summit is the Tennessee Reunion on Sunday, November 15, 2026. Doors open at 5:00 PM and the program begins at 6:30 PM. A full event schedule will be shared closer to the date.

Q: Where is the event located?

This year's Summit will be held at Sevierville Convention Center, 202 Gists Creek Road, Sevierville, TN 37876.

Q: How long does the event last?

The event begins Sunday, November 15 at 6:30 PM and concludes Tuesday, November 17 at 9:00 PM. There will be two “Post-Summit” events held on Wednesday, November 18. More information can be found on the Activities Pages, which will be made available online closer to the event.

Q: What is a Messenger?

A messenger is defined as a nominated member of a cooperating Tennessee Baptist church, sent as a voting representative or delegate to attend the Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting and vote on its business, budgets, and leadership.

TICKETS & REGISTRATION

Q: Will I have to purchase a ticket?

Summit is a free event – no need to purchase a ticket to attend our main sessions! There are many ancillary events that occur during the three-day Summit, some of which require pre-registration and payment. More information on these events can be found on the Activities Pages, which will be made available online closer to the event.

Q: How do I register?

You are able to register for Summit as either a Messenger of the Convention on behalf of your Tennessee Baptist Church, or as a Guest to the event.

- Registration will open online on September 1, 2026.

The meetings of the Convention shall be composed of messengers who are members of cooperating Baptist churches, per the Tennessee Baptist Convention Constitution, Article II, Composition.

- There is no need to be nominated if you plan to attend as a guest.

For more information on this, please reach out the Haley Rittenberry, at hrittenberry@tnbaptist.org

Q: What do I need to bring to registration on-site?

Please bring your QR code and/or Messenger Card (printed or on your phone) to the registration table upon arrival to the Sevierville Convention Center.

Q: When will registration be open?

Sunday, November 15: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Monday, November 16: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 17: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Q: Do I need a name badge at the event?

All Messengers and Guests to the Annual Meeting are asked to register and wear nametags provided by the registration office. In order to be recognized as a messenger and vote during the Annual Meeting, you will need to receive your credentials from the Registration tables.

VENUE & GETTING THERE

Q: Where should I park?

Parking is available at the Sevierville Convention Center, free to attendees. If you are staying at the connected hotel, Wilderness at the Smokies Resort, you can keep your car in the garage. There will be a shuttle running from the Wilderness up the hill to the convention center.

VENUE & GETTING THERE *(continued)*

Q: Will there be a shuttle running?

Yes. The Wilderness at the Smokies has two main hotels, the River Lodge (*down the hill*) and the Stone Hill Lodge (*top of the hill*), as well as Cabins and Villas. Wilderness at the Smokies runs a shuttle service between these locations all day. The Sevierville Convention Center is connected via breezeway to Stone Hill Lodge, and the shuttle will drop off attendees at the main entrance to the convention center during the event.

AT THE EVENT

Q: Will there be food and drink available on-site?

Yes, food and beverage vendors will be operating throughout the event. The Sevierville Convention Center has a Food Court that will be open during the event; There is a concession area where waters, sodas, sport drinks, and various small snacks will be available. If you participate in our Breakout Sessions during Monday and Tuesday Lunch, boxed lunches are available for purchase.

Q: What if I lose something at the event?

Lost & Found desk is located at the Information Desk, on the East Concourse by the fireplace. After the event, email mproctor@tnbaptist.org with a description of the item and we will do our best to help.

Q: Is there childcare available?

Yes, childcare is available during the event for children birth to 5 years. Registration information will be made available on September 1st.

Q: Can my children attend the convention?

Your children can attend the event with you, however Summit is made up of a Pastors' Conference and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, which is first and foremost a business meeting. Many children may find this boring – so we suggest either registering your children for childcare, or bringing the whole family so they can hit the waterparks while you are at the meeting!

EXHIBIT HALL

Q: Who are your exhibitors?

We have an exhibit hall with a variety of organizations that are specifically set-up to help further your church ministry. A final list of exhibitors will be made available via the Summit Mobile APP closer to the event.

Q: How do I become an exhibitor at Summit?

Contact Sharlyn Ricks, sricks@tnbaptist.org for more information on the application and vendor approval process.

ACCESSIBILITY & SAFETY

Q: Is the venue wheelchair accessible?

Yes. Accessible entrances, seating, and restrooms are available throughout the venue. Please contact us in advance if you require specific accommodations.

Q: Can I bring my service animal?

Service animals are always welcome at our events. Personal pets who are not trained and licensed service animals are not permitted at the SCC. The Wilderness at the Smokies is also not a pet-friendly resort. Please reach out ahead of time if you have any questions about the venue layout or access routes.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Q: What is this year's convention hotel?

This year's convention hotel is the Wilderness at the Smokies Resort. More information can be [here](#).

Q: Where should I stay?

There are a list of hotels and other accommodations available at Suggested Lodging [here](#).

Q: Will the water parks be open during November?

The Wilderness at the Smokies is home to three waterparks, including the Wild WaterDome, Tennessee's Largest Indoor Waterpark, which features a see-through roof that will weather-proof your vacation and give you the opportunity to tan inside all year long. Also available, be sure to check out the Adventure Forest family adventure center. Featuring a 3 story ropes course, multi-level laser tag, blacklight mini-golf, mega arcade, and much more!

Q: Is there breakfast at the hotel?

Wilderness at the Smokies does **not** provide their guests with *complimentary* breakfast within the discounted rate. There are grab and go options for breakfast available for purchase.

CHILDCARE

Q: Who handles your childcare?

This year, TBMB has partnered with **A Lighthouse For Kids** to provide secure childcare of the highest caliber. Each child will need to be signed in, and parents will be required to show ID in order to pick the child up. Lighthouse for Kids will provide art projects for all of the children to do no matter their ages, and snacks during the longer sessions. Childcare will be held onsite, and is free to attendees of Summit, though we do ask for advanced registration.

Q: When will childcare be available?

Sunday, November 15: 6 PM – 9 PM

Monday, November 16: 9 AM – 12 PM, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM, 7 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, November 17: 7:45 AM – 12 PM, 1:30 – 4:30 PM, 7 PM – 9 PM

Q: How do I register my child?

Registration information will be made available September 1st.

CONTACT & SUPPORT

Q: Where can I get real-time updates?

Follow us on Instagram / X / Facebook at @TNBaptist for live updates before and during the event. You can find up-to-date information at tbcsummit.org.

Q: I have a question that is not listed here. What should I do?

Visit our website at tbcsummit.org for the most up-to-date information, or email our Event Coordinator, Samantha Bligh at sbligh@tnbaptist.org and she will be happy to help.

Still have questions? Contact Samantha Bligh at sbligh@tnbaptist.org or visit tbcsummit.org