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2026

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Schedule

Monday, Nov. 16

NOON	Registration & Exhibits Open
3:30 P.M.	Breakout Session 1
5 P.M.	Exhibit Halls Close
6:10 P.M.	General Session 1

Tuesday, Nov. 17

8 A.M.	Registration & Exhibits Open
9 A.M.	General Session 2
11 A.M.	Breakout Session 2
1:30 P.M.	General Session 3
2 P.M.	Registration Closes
4 P.M.	Exhibits Close

Monday

12 P.M.	**Registration & Exhibits open**
3:30 P.M.	**Breakout Session 1**
5 P.M.	**Exhibit Halls Close**
6:10 P.M.	**Session 1**

SESSION 1

6:10 p.m.	Pre-service Music
6:35 p.m.	Call to Order
6:45 p.m.	Committee on Convention Meetings Report
6:50 p.m.	Spotlight on Christian Higher Education *Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary* *Fruitland Baptist Bible College*
7:15 p.m.	Executive Director-Treasurer's Address
7:45 p.m.	Sending Celebration

Tuesday

8 A.M.	**Registration & Exhibits open**
9 A.M.	**Session 2**
11 A.M.	**Breakout Session 2**

SESSION 2

9 a.m.	**Call to Order**
	Election of Officers *(fixed order of business)*
9:20 a.m.	**Board of Directors**
	Biblical Recorder Change in Relationship Articles & Bylaws
9:50 a.m.	**Miscellaneous Business**
10:20 a.m.	**Convention Sermon**

Tuesday
Cont.

1:30 P.M.	Session 3
4 P.M.	Exhibits Close

SESSION 3

1:30 p.m.	Call to Order
1:35 p.m.	Board of Directors Report:
	Budget (fixed order of business)
1:50 p.m.	Committee on Nominations Report
1:55 p.m.	Committee on Convention Meetings
2 p.m.	Institution, Agency & Auxiliary Reports
	Provision
	Biblical Recorder
	Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina
	N.C. Baptists on Mission
2:25 p.m.	Church Planting Highlight
3 p.m.	President's Sermon

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Breakout Session *Descriptions*

Breakout Session 1
MONDAY: 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

A

10 Ways to Get Your Church Involved in Local to International Missions Through Baptists on Mission
Baptists on Mission • *Auditorium 1*

Baptists on Mission offers many opportunities for your church to get involved in missions in your community, across the state, nationally and internationally. Come explore 10 easy ways that your church can live out Acts 1:8.

M

Beyond Survival: Revitalizing Worship | Helping Churches Move From Maintenance to Momentum
Kenny Lamm • *Heritage B*

Revitalizing worship is not about chasing trends or copying larger churches. It is about helping a congregation rediscover worship that is alive, unified and spiritually formative in its own setting. This breakout will explore how smaller churches can renew worship by strengthening congregational participation, bridging generations and leading services that are both faithful and life-giving. Participants will leave with practical ideas for moving from maintenance to momentum, so worship becomes a source of renewal for the whole church.

Q

Building a Culture of Evangelism
Daniel Ritchie • *Maple*

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O

Church Comms: 3 Things Your Church Is Already Saying to Guests *(Before They Walk In)*
Daniel Spivey • *Pinehurst*

Your church's front door has changed—and your church's first impression often happens long before someone walks through the front doors. In this church communications training breakout, we'll explore how guests experience your church through your website, social media and email before they ever attend. These are three things every church should check to ensure its digital first impressions are clear,

welcoming and aligned with its mission. You'll leave with practical ways to remove barriers and better connect with first-time guests.

I

Church Planting as a Collaborative Movement

Todd Unzicker, J.D. Greear & Andrew Hopper • *Victoria Ballroom*

What happens when churches move beyond their own walls to pursue a vision bigger than themselves? In 2011, God stirred a vision to see 1,000 churches planted in a single generation. Fifteen years later, that vision has grown into a movement of more than 100 churches united around a shared mission: planting churches and reaching people with the gospel around the world.

Join Todd Unzicker, N.C. Baptists' Executive Director-Treasurer, as he sits down with pastors J.D. Greear and Andrew Hopper to explore the story behind this growing movement, the lessons God has taught along the way, and the opportunities ahead. Discover how collaboration is accelerating the mission of church planting and how your church could join the movement to help see 1,000 churches planted in a generation.

D

Cooperating Together for the Least of These

Dr. Evan Lenow • *Oak A*

Discover how churches and state conventions partner to place life-saving ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers nationwide, and join us for a discussion on the future of the pro-life movement amid the rise of chemical abortion.

P

International Pastor's Toolbox Session 1

MC Ko • *Arrowhead*

In an international church, pastors are expected to fulfill many roles – preacher, leader, counselor, disciple-maker, evangelist, mentor, missionary and shepherd. Yet many ministry leaders often find themselves asking the same question: Where can I find practical tools and resources to help me serve more effectively? This breakout session provides pastors and ministry leaders with a practical "toolbox" of resources, ideas and strategies that can be immediately applied in local church ministry. ***Note:*** *Tuesday's session is Part 2 of this topic, building directly on the foundation established during Monday's Part 1 session.*

C

Missionary Care: How to Care for Sent Ones Well

Al Gilbert • *Oak B*

Missionaries face unique pressures — isolation, cultural stress and distance from their support systems. Join us for practical, biblically grounded ways to care well for the missionaries your church sends and supports, with concrete next steps you can take home.

B

Preparing for Retirement

Davis Blount • *Oak C*

Preparing for Retirement is designed to help individuals and couples plan for the next season of life. This breakout session will review key strategies for retirement, including GuideStone distribution options, Social Security and other related topics. Whether retirement is just around the corner or still several

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L

The Whole Christian Life: Faith That Shapes Every Day

Benjamin Quinn, Matt Capps, Corinne Nelson • *Heritage A*

A moderated conversation with Benjamin Quinn, Corinne Nelson and Matt Capps on the holistic Christian life. We'll dig into why so many Christians feel a divide between Sunday and Monday, what Scripture says about the goodness of everyday labor, and the practical habits that help us live an undivided life. You'll leave encouraged and equipped, and attendees will get a first look at Co-Laborers, a new small group resource for churches that all three panelists helped bring to life.

G

Trauma Basics and Counseling for Church Leaders

Amber Henderson • *Cedar A*

This session will aim to help leaders understand trauma and how it affects a person's heart, soul and mind. We will look at how to care for a person holistically and provide guidance for how to engage a person who has experienced trauma. It will offer resources to help leaders know their role and how to find therapeutic resources for cases that require it.

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H

Willing Isn't Enough: Making Care for the Vulnerable Part of Your Church's DNA

Erica Spivey • *Auditorium 4*

Every church wants to serve hurting people, but wanting to finish the race doesn't prepare you for mile 26. Discover how weaving a gospel-centered, trauma-informed posture into your church's culture equips your congregation to walk alongside the vulnerable and strengthens the ministries you're already doing, from kids and students to VBS, camp, and outreach. Lead your church to cultivate a culture of compassion — where healing begins and discipleship thrives.

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Breaking Ground: Funding the Vision - "A Practical Guide to Construction Projects & Church Loans"

Daryl Trexler • *Heritage B*

Learn how to navigate the church loan process with wisdom and confidence as we walk through the basics of capital projects and financing. This breakout will serve as a guide to help you wisely evaluate your church's borrowing capacity, explore financing options and steward capital project funds. In addition to the nuts and bolts, you will get advice from church leaders who have successfully managed a capital project.

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Equipping Families to Lead in a Screen-Shaped World

Kendra Joyner • *Oak A*

Our children are being discipled every day by voices, screens, culture and technology—but God has given parents a primary role in shaping their faith. Discover practical, biblical ways your church can equip families to lead children toward Christ and His Word in a screen-shaped world.

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International Pastor's Toolbox Session 2

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This breakout is designed to be an "on ramp" for discerning whether God might be calling a person to plant. We will describe how to discern God's leading to plant, the characteristics of a healthy planter and a healthy planting process.

G

Hold Up! What You Must Do Before Revitalization

Terry Long & David Jackson • *Cedar A*

This session will explore the foundation needed for a church before it starts a successful revitalization process. Come learn how to start with Christ and His markers of a missionally healthy church before you begin your church's renewal.

L

Ministry Alignment: The Critical Work of the Executive Pastor

John Erwin • *Heritage A*

Healthy churches don't drift toward alignment and unity. They typically drift toward complexity, silos and competing priorities. One of the executive pastor's most critical roles is creating alignment between mission, vision, strategy, staff, ministries and budgets so that the entire church is moving in the same direction. This breakout will provide a practical framework and best practices for alignment.

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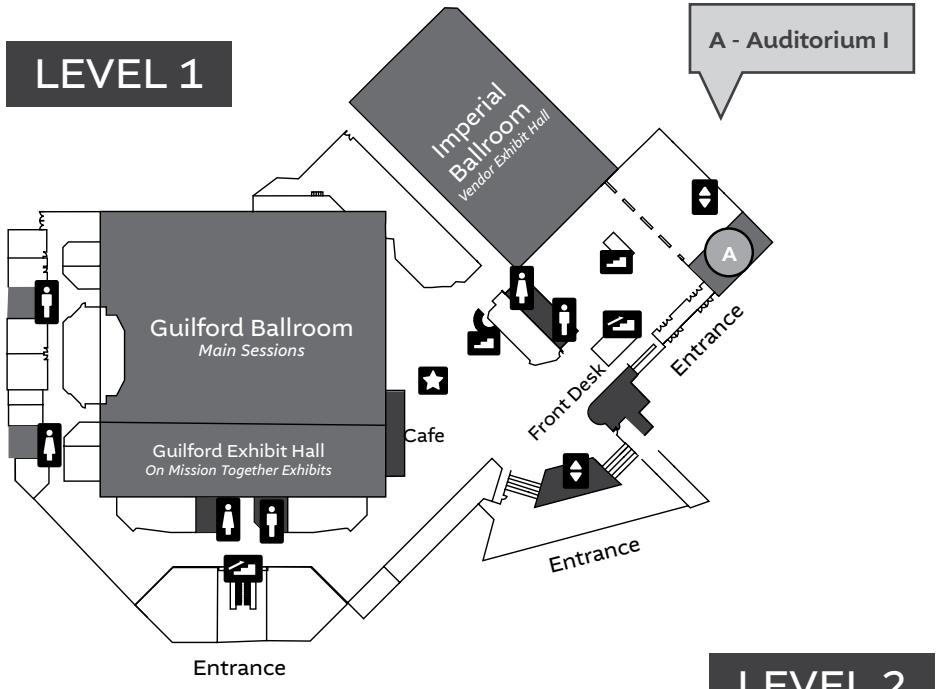
Breakout Sessions & Events Maps



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- BSCNC Registration

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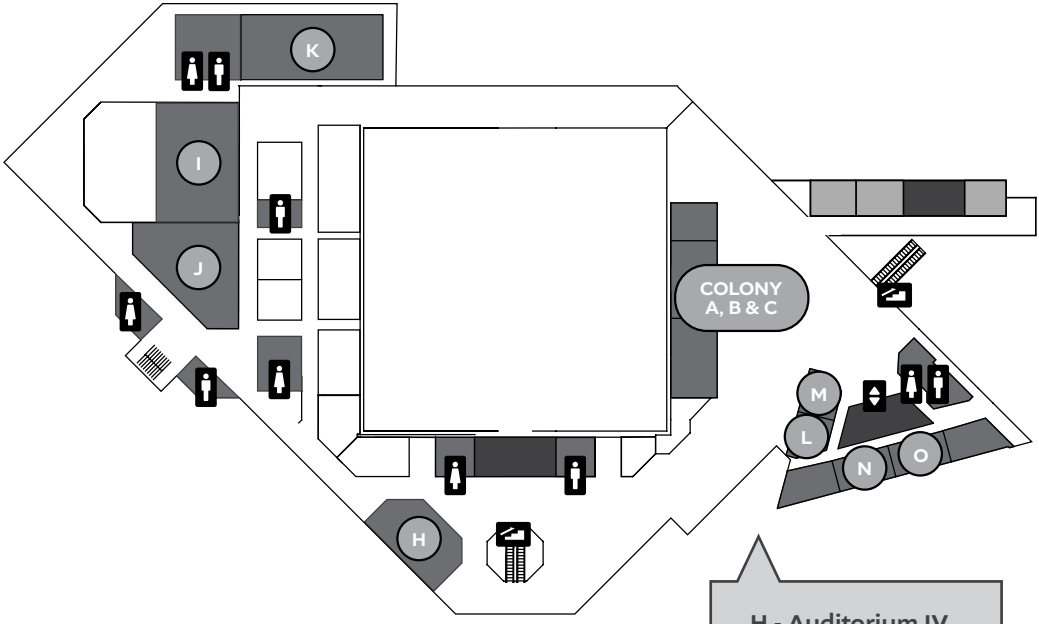

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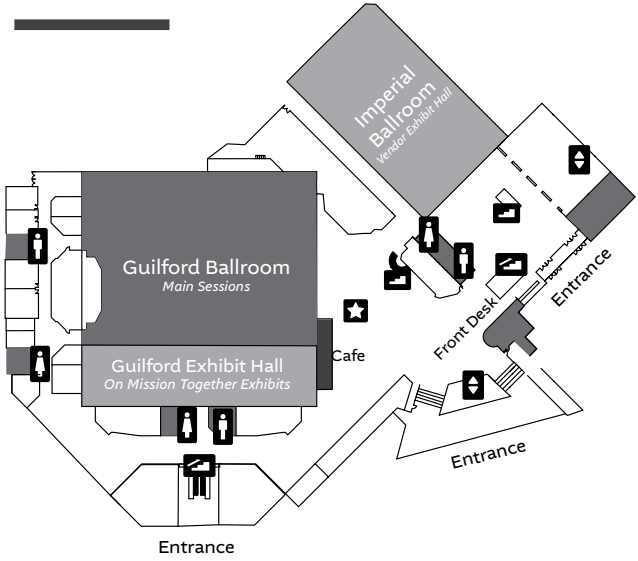

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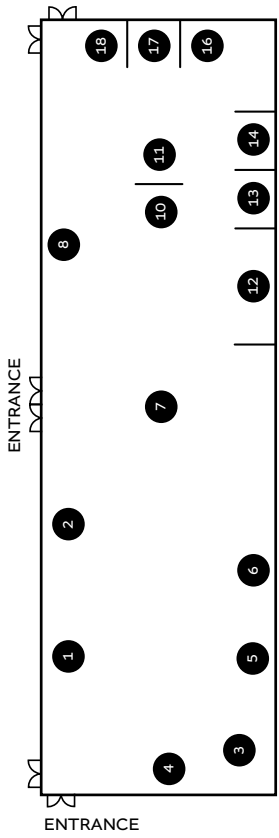

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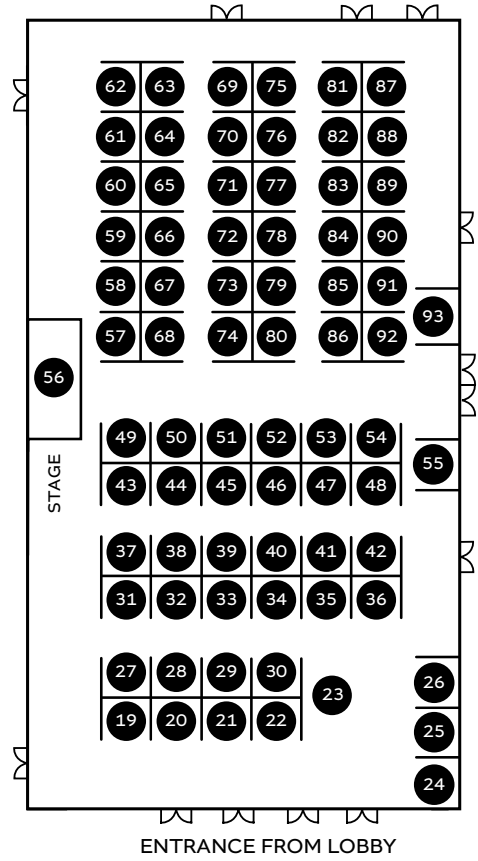

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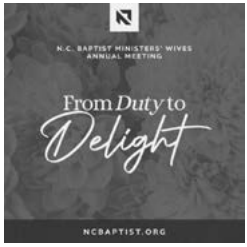

NC BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, Nov. 16, 8 a.m.
Grandover, 3rd Floor



PASTORS' NETWORK LUNCH
Monday, Nov. 16, Noon
Victoria Ballroom, 3rd Floor



NC BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY LUNCH & PANEL
Monday, Nov. 16, Noon
Blue Ash, 3rd Floor



HISPANIC BANQUET
Monday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m.
Grandover, 3rd Floor



AMS BANQUET
Monday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.
Blue Ash, 3rd Floor



IMB ALUMNI & PARENT FELLOWSHIP DINNER
Monday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.
Immanuel Baptist Church



AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLECTIVE GATHERING
Monday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.
Colony A, B & C, 3rd Floor



YOUNG LEADERS MEET-UP
Monday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.
Lawndale Baptist Church



SENDING CELEBRATION
Monday, Nov. 16, 7:45 p.m.
Main Session Hall, 1st Floor



ICE CREAM SOCIAL MEET & GREET
Monday, Nov. 16, 8:30 p.m.
Guilford Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor



LATE NIGHT WITH PILLAR
Monday, Nov. 16, 9 p.m.
Auditorium IV, 3rd Floor



FRUITLAND ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 a.m.
Victoria Ballroom, 3rd Floor



SEBTS ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON
Tuesday, Nov. 17, Noon
Victoria Ballroom, 3rd Floor

2026 EVALUATION



NAME _____ EMAIL _____

CHURCH NAME _____

CHURCH CITY _____

LANGUAGE PREFERENCE (check one): ❍ English ❍ Spanish

AGE RANGE (check one):

❍ 21-25 ❍ 26-30 ❍ 31-35 ❍ 36-40 ❍ 41-45 ❍ 46-50 ❍ 51-55
❍ 56-60 ❍ 61-65 ❍ 66-70 ❍ 71+

What is your overall rating for the 2026 annual meeting?

❍ Poor ❍ Fair ❍ Good ❍ Very good ❍ Excellent

Why? _____

Was the annual meeting advance information you received adequate?

❍ Yes ❍ No ❍ Somewhat

What could be improved? _____

Please check the top three ways you received information about annual meeting:

❍ Social media ❍ NCBaptist app ❍ NCBaptist.org website ❍ Email
❍ US mail ❍ Word of mouth ❍ Church announcement

Other: _____

Please check what you believe are the top three purposes of annual meeting:

❍ BSCNC board of directors reports (including budget presentation)
❍ Committee reports ❍ Ministry reports
❍ Miscellaneous business sessions ❍ Sermons
❍ Worship through music ❍ Scripture reading and prayer
❍ Officer elections ❍ Presentations from institutions/agencies

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* By supplying an email address you are granting permission for BSCNC email communication.

What were the most important elements of annual meeting to you and why?

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Were the breakout sessions offered at convenient times?

❍ Yes ❍ No Explain _____

Please check the top three topics of breakout sessions that are most beneficial to you:

❍ Practical how-to breakout sessions

❍ Topics related to culture, current events and issues (addiction, singleness, abuse, etc.)

❍ Sessions about basic disciple-making and Christian living

❍ Diversity-oriented breakout sessions

❍ Breakout sessions addressing other religions and cultures

❍ Church-related topics (service, ministry, events, structure, etc.)

❍ Sessions involving care, benevolence and community outreach

❍ Family, children, college or other generation-oriented topics

Tell us anything else you'd like for us to consider about the success of this year's annual meeting and/or things we can improve next year:

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❑ Check the box (to left) if you would like to sign up for the N.C. Baptist newsletter.

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Looking to Fund Your Next Building Project?

Whether you are looking to expand, build, renovate, or refinance, our team is here to help through **Provision's Church Loan Program.**

Types of Loans:



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The Church is God's plan for vulnerable children.

When a family in your church says yes to fostering or adopting, someone has to hold the rope. Scripture is clear about who. The care of the fatherless belongs to the Church (James 1:27), and that means your whole congregation, not only the families who go.

Holding the rope is how everyone else answers the call. Your people pray, train in gospel-centered trauma-informed care, and wrap each family in practical support. Families who go need a church that holds on, and a church that holds on will send more families.

BCH leads churches into this work because care and counseling, for all their real value, cannot change a child's future. Only Christ can. We train your people to hold the rope, license your foster families, and guide your adoptive families through every step, so the gospel reaches children and their parents through your church. Lead your congregation in, and we will show you the way.

Meet us at booth #12 and learn how your church can hold the rope.

Be among the first of 5,000 prayer partners.

Sign up at our booth or at bchfamily.org/praywithus



Thank you to our coffee sponsors!

A special *thank-you* to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Provision Financial Resources for sponsoring coffee from Pretty Good Coffee Company.

See N.C. Baptists, SEBTS or Provision staff to get your ***FREE*** **coffee voucher!**

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THANK YOU TO OUR *ice cream* SPONSORS!

A special *thank-you* to Provision Financial Resources and the International Mission Board for sponsoring ice cream at our Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet!

Join us Monday night at 8:30 p.m. for a sweet treat and the opportunity to connect with missionaries and students serving around the world. Grab some ice cream and come say hello!

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How to access Translations
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Click "Search for your church" and enter "N.C. Baptists" to find this event, or scan the QR code here.

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Thank you!

A special thank you to our guests and volunteers from across the state who participated as part of this year's program.

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