

# THE NAFWB NEWS

2019 FREE WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION

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## A “GRAETER” PLACE TO MEET

This week, thousands of Free Will Baptists will flood Cincinnati, Ohio, for the 83rd convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. With more than 3,000 pre-registered, convention planners anticipate a great turnout as Free Will Baptists gather in Duke Energy Convention Center to worship, fellowship, carry out denominational business, and vote on a new executive secretary.

### About Cincinnati

Known originally as Losantiville (an unpopular name that didn't last long), Cincinnati was settled in 1789. The convenient location on the banks of the Ohio River led to rapid expansion, and Cincinnati soon became the county seat. As time passed, the city became a center for trade. Cincinnati soon became the largest city in Ohio and the most densely populated city in the U.S.

Today, Cincinnati remains the largest metropolitan center in Ohio and continues to grow. Many large corporations call it home: Proctor and Gamble, Kroger, Chiquita Brands, G.E. Aviation, Macy's, and Fifth-Third Bank, among others.

Cincinnati is also well-known for the ingenuity of its citizens. The city was home to the first municipal fire department (1853), the first air mail system (by hot-air balloon, 1835), and the first concrete high rise building (1902). And, most important to some, the city is also credited with the invention of the hot dog. Here are a few suggestions to enjoy all Cincinnati has to offer:

## Impacting Cincy

Too often, cities remember Christian meetings for all the wrong reasons. Convention Manager Ryan Lewis offers some easy tips to make the convention a positive experience for everyone—attendees and city workers:

### For the City

- + Tip valets (going *and* coming is common in Cincy).
- + Tip servers (15% or 20% for a group).
- + Be quiet in your hotel after 10 p.m.
- + Be smart. Don't walk alone after dark; limit cash.
- + Tip your maid (not expected but always appreciated).

### For the Convention

- + Pray for convention speakers and personnel.
- + Attend worship services.
- + Smile...even when standing in lines.
- + Catch up with old friends and make new ones.
- + Attend one of the 84 seminars or workshops offered.
- + Cheer on kids at the CTS Expo (not necessarily your kids).
- + Attend business sessions.
- + Meet a missionary or church planter. (Better yet, take one out for coffee.)
- + Get to know a national leader.
- + Thank someone from Ohio. Hosting is hard work.

### Graeter's Ice Cream

Located on Walnut Street, Graeter's Ice Cream has been family owned since 1868, starting with Louis Graeter and his wife Regina and continuing for four generations. The couple began selling ice cream out of their home. As the story goes, their young son sneaked some chocolate from his mother and poured it into a pot of ice cream, inventing the signature “chocolate chunks.” Graeter's is now the only commercial ice cream manufacturer in the world to use French Pot freezers. Its two-gallon batches are the smallest in the industry. Learn more: [www.graeters.com](http://www.graeters.com).

### Simply Rolled Ice Cream

Located near the corner of Race and 12th, Simply Rolled Ice Cream was inspired by street vendors in Thailand. The shop offers made-to-order ice cream rolls, both fun to watch and delicious to eat. The cream is never frozen until it transforms from liquid to ice cream rolls before your eyes. Choose from 20 mix-ins and toppings to suit your taste. A truly unique experience: [www.simplyrolledicecream.com](http://www.simplyrolledicecream.com).

### Cincinnati Zoo

The Zoological Society of Cincinnati was founded in 1873 and officially opened in 1875, making Cincinnati Zoo the second oldest in the United States. The original collection of animals was very small: eight monkeys, two grizzly bears, three deer, six raccoons, two elk, a buffalo, a hyena, a tiger, an alligator, a circus elephant, and 400 birds (*continued, page 2*)

## Meet the Speakers

**Rev. Paul Keener (Sunday School)** is passionate about church training and connecting the church and the home. He manages Ambassador Bible Bookstore and teaches Sunday School at Westerville FWB Church in Ohio. Paul has attended Otterbein University, Ohio University, and Ohio Bible Institute.

**Dr. Timothy Eaton (Morning Worship)** currently serves as president of Randall University and associate pastor of Newcastle FWB Church. He has served Free Will Baptist churches in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas and holds positions on several boards relating to education and community service. He holds degrees in Theology (B.Th.), Divinity (M.Div.), Education (M.Ed.), and Philosophy (Ph.D.).

**Chaplain (COL) Terry Austin (Evening Worship)**, a member of St. Mark FWB Church in Phoenix City, Alabama, recently retired after many years as a FWB army chaplain. Austin earned degrees from Welch College, Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary, and the U.S. Army War College. With 36 years of military service, he has served as a chaplain in Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### Pray for Landen: A Special Request

Landen, nine-year-old son of NC pastor Luke Johnson and his wife Amanda, was transferred to Cincinnati Children's hospital Friday for urgent treatment. Landen has faced significant health issues after a bone marrow transplant.

(including a talking crow). Today, the Cincinnati Zoo has gained a reputation as a leader in preserving and protecting endangered animals. More than 1.5 million people visit each year to see more than 500 animals, one of the largest zoo collections in the country: [www.cincinnati-zoo.org](http://www.cincinnati-zoo.org).

### Great American Ball Park

Cincinnati is home to the Cincinnati Reds baseball team (a nod to the Cincinnati Redstockings, first professional team). Located on the banks of the Ohio in the heart of downtown, Great American Ball Park is known for innovative features, breathtaking views, and affordable seating. Fans will also want to visit the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame Museum. Learn more: [www.mlb.com/reds](http://www.mlb.com/reds).

### Creation Museum

Bible history comes to life at the Creation Museum. The family-friendly attraction explores creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens, a planetarium, zoo, zip-lines, and more. A 75,000-square-foot facility in Petersburg, Kentucky, the museum demonstrates why God's Word, rather than man's assumptions, is the place to make sense of our world. The Creation Museum is a Christian evangelistic outreach of

## Changes for CTS Expo

The last five years have seen much change for CTS. For example, the National Youth Conference became the Vertical Three Conference, and competitive activities were renamed CTS Ministry Expo. As much as things have changed, however, the mission of CTS remains the same: to help students identify and develop God-given abilities for use in serving Him and His church.

Changes continue for the CTS Expo in 2020. A new *Guidelines* book containing these changes has been released by Randall House and is available at [RandallHouse.com](http://RandallHouse.com) or [fire-box.verticalthree.com](mailto:fire-box.verticalthree.com). Some of the changes include removal of the tie requirement for young men, a cost adjustment per event, and the addition of a new exhibition event: Special Needs. Bible Millionaire returns to its single elimination format, and two categories, Commercial and Infomercial, have been merged into a single category: Video Production. This year, Randall House added a "changelog" to the *Guidelines* identifying changes from the prior version.

Vertical Three and the CTS Ministry Expo are always looking for new ways to improve programs and CTS categories. Please email [CTS@Verticalthree.com](mailto:CTS@Verticalthree.com).

## News, Updates & Announcements

**General Board to Meet** Monday, July 22, 8:00 a.m., in DECC\* 212.

**Registration and Exhibits.** Registration is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Elm Street Concourse of the DECC. The Exhibit Hall opens Monday, July 22, at 3:00 p.m., in Hall B of the DECC.

**Laughter and Latté.** Join WNAC for this ticketed event, Monday, July 22, 8:30 p.m., in DECC 205.

**Download the App** by searching NAFWB on the iTunes Store to get the latest info on your iPhone.

**Watch the 2019 YET** program: Hall C, Monday, 9:00 p.m.

**Convention Choir rehearsals** start each evening at 5:30 p.m., and you can participate! Join more than a hundred voices to lift up the name of Jesus.

**CTS Judges Reception.** If you are an MC, Quizmaster, or Judge for any CTS Ministry Expo category, make plans to attend a Judges Reception Sunday, 9:00 p.m., DECC 205.

Answers in Genesis along with sister attraction, the Ark Encounter: <https://creationmuseum.org>.

### Ark Encounter

The Ark Encounter features a full-size replica of the Ark of Noah, built to biblical dimensions. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, the engineering marvel amazes visitors. The park is located in Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington, and right off I-75. The park also features a zoo, zip lines, and timber-frame restaurant: <https://arkencounter.com>.

### Fountain Square

Fountain Square has been the symbolic center of Cincinnati since 1871. Today, the Fountain Square district is a restaurant and shopping hub. From fast food options to high-end dining, the square has something for every taste: <https://myfountainsquare.com>.

### Skyline Chili

Although not to everyone's taste, Cincinnati residents love Skyline Chili—spaghetti, covered with Texas-style chili, and often topped with a heaping mound of shredded cheese. You might want to read the nutrition facts first: [www.skylinechili.com](http://www.skylinechili.com).

## QUICK BITES

Looking for a quick bite to eat? Use this handy list to satisfy your crew's hunger pains:

#### + Subway

221 E 4th Street | 513-421-1155  
34 E 7th Street | 513-421-1113  
425 Walnut Street | 513-381-2212

#### + Skyline Chili

525 Elm Street (in DECC) | 513-419-7300  
254 E 4th Street | 513-241-4848  
643 Vine Street | 513-241-2020

#### + Potbelly Sandwich Shop

511 Walnut Street Ste 13 | 513-381-5572

#### + Chipotle Mexican Grill

1 Fountain Square Plaza | 513-579-9900

#### + Jimmy Johns

171 E Freedom Way | 513-381-4800

#### + Local Flavor

Hathaway's Diner | 441 Vine Street  
Graeter's Ice Cream | 511 Walnut  
Simply Rolled Ice Cream | 32 W 12th St

### Student Ministry Luncheon (With Jon Forrest)

Join the fellowship and fun with student ministry leaders, Monday, 12:00 p.m., in DECC, room 237. Jon will share insights on fighting to win life's spiritual battle. Attendees will receive a free copy of Jon's new book *Fight*. Tickets are available at the VIII Store on the second floor.

### Should Randall House publish an Arminian Study Bible?

Join the discussion in a town hall format where Ron Hunter will ask questions and listen to your thoughts on what this project might look like, how it would be used, and ways you could be involved. Monday, 3:00 p.m., DECC 210.

**Breathe Life Into Sunday School.** Hear Lifeway leader Ken Braddy explain how Sunday School can be a key to growing healthier churches. The seminar will be held in DECC 250, 2:00 p.m., Monday.

\* DECC (Duke Energy Convention Center)