

Convention News

2009 FREE WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

CINCINNATI, OHIO

WELCOME TO CINCINNATI

Welcome to Cincinnati! Originally named Losantiville by city surveyor John Filson, the city (founded in 1788) is among the oldest in the Midwest. With a prime location along the banks of the Ohio River, the settlement grew quickly and became a major center of commerce by the early 19th century. As the first major inland city, many historians consider Cincinnati the first purely American city, without the major European influence found in the coastal cities.

The citizens of Cincinnati are well known for their ingenuity. Their city was the home of the first municipal fire department (1853), the first airmail system (by hot-air balloon, 1835), and the first concrete highrise building (1902). What is more important—at least for National Youth Conference participants—the city is also credited with the invention of the hotdog.

Today, Greater Cincinnati is the largest metropolitan area in Ohio and continues to grow. It provides residents abundant economic opportunities because many major corporations call it home, including Proctor and Gamble, Kroger, Chiquita Brands, G.E. Aviation, Macy's, and Fifth-Third Bank.

However, Cincinnati is not only a good place to live, it is a fantastic place to visit. Easy-to-navigate, with many attractions, a wide menu of activities, and great food, Cincinnati may prove to be a favorite among convention attendees.

Destination Cincinnati

Getting Around. Worried about big city traffic? Leave your worries in other cities. Cincinnati offers a convenient, air-conditioned Skyway system that allows pedestrians to move in comfort and safety. Covering 20 city blocks, the system links most major hotels, shopping malls, restaurants, shops, Fountain Square, and the convention center.

In addition, The Southbank Shuttle provides inexpensive (\$1.25 per trip) public transportation to points throughout the downtown area and the south bank of the Ohio River including the Kentucky cities of Newport and Covington. Hours of operation during the convention include:



Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Monday–Thursday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Dining. Families and youth groups will quickly become familiar with the convenient food court at Tower Place Mall, located at the intersection of Fourth and Race. Restaurants in the court include: Auntie Anne's, Big Easy Cajun, Chik-fil-A, Chinese Combo King, Gold Star Chili, Sakkio Japan, Sbarro, Subway, and The Great Steak & Fry Company.

A wide variety of casual dining restaurants are located throughout near Fountain Square on Walnut, Vine, and Elm Streets. (See the sidebar for more fast food locations.)

Attractions. Home to the Cincinnati Reds baseball team (a nod to the Cincinnati Redstockings, first professional baseball team in history), the city also cheers on the Cincinnati Bengals football team and a variety of minor league sports teams. Although the Reds aren't playing at home during the convention, baseball fans may want to visit the Hall of Fame and Museum located in the Great American Ballpark near the waterfront.

From amusement parks to museums, convention goers will have little difficulty finding things to do in and around Cincinnati. King's Island amusement park, located just north of the city, was recently voted "Best Theme Park for Families in the Midwest."

Others will want to visit the Cincinnati Fire Museum, the Cincinnati Zoo, the Museum at Union Terminal (with three museums and an OMNIMAX theatre), or the Creation Museum.

Located seven miles west of the Cincinnati Airport, the Creation Museum presents a walk through history through the eyes of creation science. Designed by former Universal Studios exhibit director, this state-of-the-art 70,000-square-foot museum brings the biblical account of creation to life. From computer-generated visual effects and life-sized dinosaur animatronics, everyone in your family will be captivated by the story of creation.

If you are traveling on a limited budget, Cincinnati offers many free attractions including the Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point, the scenic Riverfront District, Fountain Square, and the Harriet Beecher Stowe House. Or take an air-conditioned stroll through the historic buildings in downtown via the Skyway.

For those who enjoy shopping, Cincinnati offers a plethora of opportunities. From Tower Place Mall at the city center to outlying shopping malls, boutiques, and specialty shops, the area is replete with opportunities to invest in the local economy.

FIND FAST FOOD FAST

Arby's 300 Main

Dunkin' Donuts 511 Walnut

Old Chicago 10 Fountain Square

Papa John's Pizza 132 7th

Quizno's Subs 9 East 6th | 8 West 4th

Gold Star Chili 28 West 4th

Skyline Chili 254 East 4th

Snappy Tomato Pizza 330 Walnut

Starbucks Coffee 201 East 4th | 580 Walnut

Subway 138 East 6th | 28 West 4th

34 East 7th | 420 Walnut

Introducing the Convention Speakers

The 2009 convention speakers will address passages centered on the convention theme from 2 Peter 1:3, "Great and Precious Promises." Each message will focus on a different aspect of God's promises to mankind: The promise of eternal life; the promise of God's faithfulness; the promise of sufficient grace; the promise of His coming; and the promise of His power.



Sunday School

Bob Bouts is a Sunday School teacher at Porter FWB Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. A graduate of Shawnee State University, Bob is plant training and procedures manager for USEC, a global energy corporation providing uranium fuel to commercial nuclear power plants.

According to Bob's pastor Mark Price, "Bob has a genuine love for God and His Word, and his passion is teaching others—through both word and example—how to live better for the Father's glory."



Sunday Morning Worship

Mark Price has been pastor of Porter FWB Church in Portsmouth, Ohio, since 1999. Before accepting the position, Mark spent 13 years in youth ministry at the Union and Westerville churches, also located in Ohio.

He currently serves as moderator of the Ohio State Association.

He is a member of the Free Will Baptist Foundation Board and represents Free Will Baptist International Missions as an ambassador.



Sunday Evening Worship

Jeff Sloan directs the Pastoral Ministries department at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. A 1988 graduate of the college, Jeff returned to complete his Master of Arts in Ministry in 2008. Before accepting his current position, Jeff served six years as pastor of First FWB Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and 12 years at Harvest FWB Church, a church he planted in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Jeff has served as a member of the Oklahoma Christian Education Board, (continued, page two)

moderator of the Indiana State Association, and treasurer of the Indiana Missions Board.



Monday Evening Worship

Paul V. Harrison pastors Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee. A 1979 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Paul completed a M.A. in History at Middle Tennessee State University and earned a M.Div. and Th.D. in Theology at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has served as both Dean of Men (1980-1984) and adjunct Greek and Church History professor (1993-present) at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Paul authored the volume *James and Jude* for the Randall House Commentary Series, is editor of *Integrity: A Journal of Christian Thought*, and has written a number of articles for a wide variety of publications. He has served as a member of the Commission for Theological Integrity since 1996.



Pastor/Laymen Conference

After graduating from Southeastern FWB College in 1989, **Steve Berry** has served churches in Oklahoma, Virginia, and Florida. He currently pastors First FWB Church in Melbourne, Florida. The founder of 20/20 Missions, Steve was instrumental

in starting a Hispanic church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has taken eight missions trips to Cuba to teach at Cedars of Lebanon Seminary, and serves as secretary of the Florida State Home Missions Board. He is the alumni president of Southeastern FWB College and serves on the Alumni Board.



Ken Simpson is a 1992 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. In 2000, he completed a M.A. in Theology from Covenant Theological Seminary. Currently the pastor of Calvary Fellowship FWB Church in Fenton, Missouri, Ken has pastored in Missouri since 1998. He has served as moderator of the Greater Kansas City District Association, assistant moderator of the Missouri State Association, and is currently a member of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees.



Tuesday Evening Worship

North Carolina pastor **Henry Horne** graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B.A. in Pastoral Studies and Bible in 1979, after transferring from Bob Jones University. Henry spent seven years as the assistant pastor of Cramerton FWB Church in North Carolina before accepting the pastorate at Union Chapel FWB Church in Washington, North Carolina, where he has remained more than 20 years. He has served

on the Pamlico Association Youth and Examining Boards, the North Carolina State Association Bible Bookstore Board, and the North Carolina State Missions Board.



Wednesday Evening Worship

Pastor, evangelist, and conference speaker **Fred Warner** has spent more than 40 years in ministry. During that time, he pastored churches in Arkansas and Georgia, served as promotional director for the Arkansas State Association (1967-1973), planted a church in Si-loam Springs, Arkansas, for Arkansas Home Missions, and served as director of Stateside Ministries for FWB Foreign Missions (1987-2000). For many years, Fred represented the state of Arkansas as an Executive Board member and served on the Board of FWB International Missions. He is the author of *The Paper Pulpit: 365 Days in the Word of God*, published in 2005.

Make an Impact!

Host cities often remember Christian conventions for the wrong reasons. As you enjoy this year's convention, remember the following tips to make your conference experience a positive one for everyone:

IMPACT THE CITY

- + Tip the valet (once, either going or coming).
- + Tip your servers (at least 15%, 20% for a large party).
- + Be quiet in your hotel after 10 p.m.
- + Use your head: don't travel on foot alone after dark; carry limited cash.
- + Tip your maid (not expected, always appreciated).

IMPACT THE CONVENTION

- + Pray for convention speakers.
- + Enjoy the exhibits.
- + Attend worship services.
- + Catch up with old friends and make new ones.
- + Attend seminars.
- + Cheer on your kids at competition.
- + Attend convention business sessions.
- + Order CDs of convention speakers for the folks back home.
- + Take time to meet a missionary (better yet, take him or her for coffee).
- + Subscribe to ONE Magazine (visit the booth in the convention exhibit hall).
- + Thank someone from the host state; conventions are a lot of work!

WNAC Presentation Scheduled for Monday

TODAY'S WOMAN HAS MANY NEEDS. WNAC cares. We're developing new methods of ministry for meeting those needs while providing avenues for women to find and fulfill their God-designed roles at home, church, community, and world.

We're not just your mother's auxiliary. We are building on a strong foundation, developing a ministry relevant to women in all seasons of life. Give us an opportunity to share our vision and offer you a new look at Women Nationally Active for Christ.

We're Not Just Your Mother's Auxiliary, Monday, July 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Hyatt Hotel, Regency Ballroom

BOOK SIGNINGS SCHEDULED

Author Jimmy Holbrook will sign copies of his book *Shelter* at the Randall House exhibit on Monday, following the evening service.

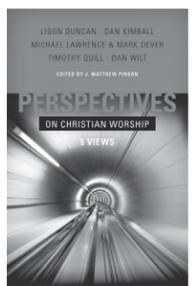


STAYING CONNECTED

Time for a technology upgrade for your church or website? Are you projecting the best image during worship services? Curious about Twitter? Did you know you can follow fellow conventioners' "tweets" to find out what they're saying about the convention?

Stop by the Media Commission booth (#217) and check out www.fwbmedia.com for more information. While there, be sure to register to win a Toshiba LCD projector (\$700 value) by filling out a brief response card. The drawing for the projector takes place Wednesday night.

If you want to tweet or read other tweets, bring your text-message capable cell phone, and let a media commission member help you get set up. Already on Twitter? Follow fwbmedia on twitter.com.



J. Matthew Pinson will sign copies of his new book, *Perspectives on Christian Worship*, at the Free Will Baptist Bible College booth.

News, Updates, and Announcements

General Board to Meet

The General Board meets Monday, July 20 at 8 a.m., in the Grand Ballroom of the Millennium Hotel. General Board members will enjoy a 7 a.m. breakfast in the Bronze Ballroom, also located in the Marriott Town Center.

Registration and Exhibits

The Exhibit Hall will open Monday, July 20, at 3 p.m. in Hall B of the Duke Energy Convention Center. Registration is open daily from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., East Concourse, Level 1.

Take the Convention Home

Stop by the Convention Recordings Office (East Concourse, Level 1) to pick up a CD, DVD, VHS, or cassette of services and seminars. Each recording

contains the complete service including music and speaker. CDs are \$5 each; DVDs are \$10 each.

Music Rehearsals

The **Convention Orchestra and Praise Team** will meet on the main stage each day at 4:00 p.m.

Convention Choir rehearsals will be held each evening on the main convention stage:

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| Sunday | 5:15 - 6:40/8:40 - 9:30 |
| Monday | 5:30 - 6:40/8:40 - 9:30 |
| Tuesday | 5:45 - 6:40/8:40 - 9:30 |
| Wednesday | 4:30 - 5:30 |

Anyone interested in playing in the 2010 Convention Orchestra, see Chris Truett, or complete the application at the Music Commission exhibit.

Learn more about Go10, Walk for the World

Joe Wilson will present details of this opportunity for young people to experience a life-changing commitment to missions through a 2,500-mile walk for the world.

- Monday, 11:00-11:45 a.m., DECC, Room 238
- Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m., DECC, Room 238
- Wednesday, 2:00-2:45 a.m., DECC, Room 238

E-TEAM Alumni Reception

The annual reception is scheduled for Monday, 9:00-11:00p.m., in the Bronze Ballroom B of the Millennium Hotel.