

99th Annual Messenger Assembly of the
AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

June 17-19, 2025

Springfield, Missouri





The headquarters hotel will be the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, with the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center available as an alternative option. The Springfield Expo Center is located right across from the University Plaza Hotel, and the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center is only 3.6 miles away, a short drive from the Expo Center. Complimentary parking is offered for our attendees at both hotels and convention center lots.

Hotel reservations will be available starting Monday, January 13, 2025, and you must confirm our rates by Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The price for a King or Queen/Queen room at the University Plaza is \$119.00, plus a tax of 16.96%. No breakfast is included at the University Plaza Hotel. The Oasis offers several options: a Deluxe King; Deluxe Queen, Poolside, Pool view, or Courtyard room for \$119, a King Suite for \$209, and a Paradise Suite for \$319, all plus 16.96% tax. The Oasis offers a complimentary breakfast for all guests.



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

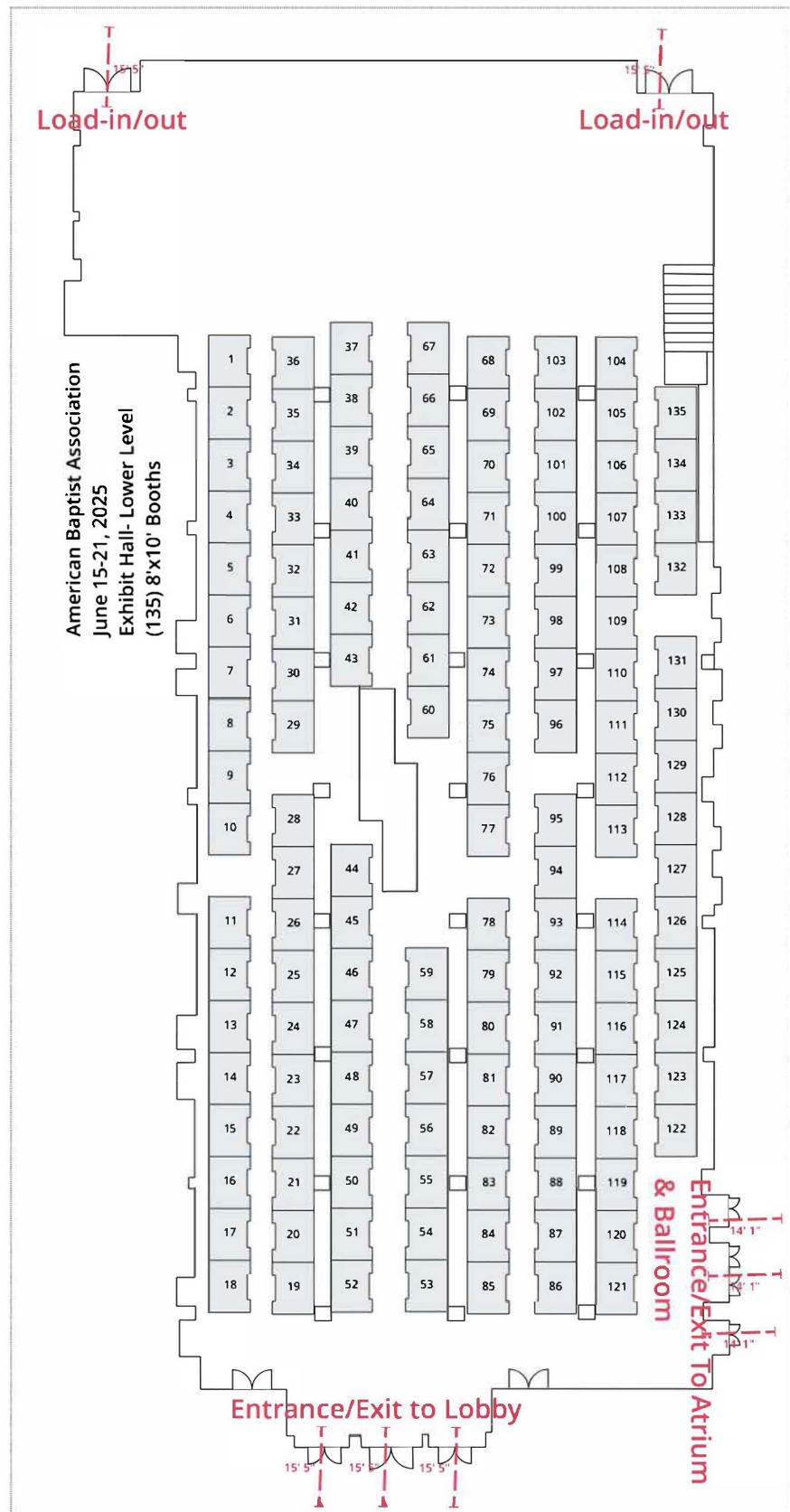
We plan to have a Sunday morning service in the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center Nebraska Room beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 16, 2024. Further details will be provided as available.

Exhibits

Exhibitors

Exhibitor information is available on the ABA website. Look for Events at the top and click on 2025 ABA Meeting Information. We have 135 - 8' 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



Proposed Agenda

MONDAY, JUNE 16

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Exhibitors may set up booths

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17

3:00 - 4:15 PM

Opening Session of Messenger Assembly

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer
Call to order by President
Welcome to Springfield
Response to Welcome
Presentation of Proposed Agenda
Posting of the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Prayer
Opening Hymn
Special Music
Presidents Keynote Address:
Bryan Sellers, Delight, AR
Necessary Business
Constitutional Changes
Presentation of Invitations for
2028 Meeting Places
Scripture Reading and Prayer

4:15 - 6:30 PM

Exhibits Open

TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 17

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer
Special Music, Choir, Hymn
Introduction of Speaker
Special Music
Annual Sermon:
Andrew McClung, Longbeach, CA
Response and Invitation
Expression of Appreciation
Announcements
Scripture and Prayer

9:15 - 10:30 PM

Exhibits Open

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 18

9:15 - 11:30 AM

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer
Hymn and Special
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 2026
Nominations for Missions Sermon 2026

Report of Camp Trustees
Election of Camp Trustees
Report of the Chaplaincy Commission
Election of the Chaplaincy Commission
National Youth Fellowship Report
Miscellaneous Business
Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Exhibits Open



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 18

1:00 - 3:00 PM

World Missions Focus -

“Come Over and Help Us” - Indigenous Church

Planters from the View Point of Nationals

Speakers: Gediminas Kapustavicius
Gerado Carrion

Bogard Press Presentation

National Bible Challenge
VBS Presentation

3:00 - 5:30 PM

Exhibits Open

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 18

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Worship and Mission Program
Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer
Special Music
Worship and Music
Missionary Committee Presentation
Mission Offering
Introduction of Speaker
Special Music
Mission Sermon:
Justin Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer of Missions
Response and Invitation
Expression of Appreciation
Memorials Committee Report
Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

9:15 - 10:30 PM

Exhibits Open

10:30 - 11:30 PM

Exhibits move out

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 19

9:15 - 11:30 AM

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer
Hymn
Select 2028 Meeting Place
Baptist Sunday School Report
Report of the Business CEO
Election of Business 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 Chaplains Report
Enrollment and Finance Committee Report
Resolutions Committee Report
MBSF Report
National Women's Conference Report
Choral Music Workshop Report
Good Fight Ladies Conference Report
Election of Annual Sermon Speaker
for 2026
Election of Mission Sermon Speaker
for 2026
Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 19

1:00 - 3:45 PM

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer
Hymn
Special Music
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Reports
New Missionary Committee Report
New Sunday School Committee Report
Other Business
Passing the Gavel
Recognition of Officers
Scripture and Prayer
Adjournment

**2026 MEETING IN HOT SPRINGS, AR
JUNE 23-25, 2026**

The ABA provides NO CHILD CARE.

2025 Schedule of Events

MONDAY, JUNE 16

6:30 - 8:00 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION
MESSENGERS & GUESTS

GEORGIA-ARIZONA

Sponsored by Missionary Baptist Seminary,
Little Rock, AR

7:00 - 10:30 PM

MISSIONARY SHARE TIME
NEBRASKA-IOWA

7:30 - 9:00 PM

ABA SCHOOLS MEETING
OKLAHOMA

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 - 8:30 AM

PAST PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST
TEXAS

7:00 - 8:30 AM

INTERSTATE MISSION DEVELOPMENT
BREAKFAST
JOHN Q

7:45 - 9:15 AM

CHORAL MUSIC WORKSHOP
NEBRASKA-IOWA

8:00 - 9:00 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
OFFICERS' MEETING
GEORGIA

8:00 - 9:30 AM

NATIONAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVES
COMMITTEE
ARKANSAS

8:30 - 10:00 AM

MBSF COUNCIL WORKSHOP
COLORADO A

8:30 - 10:30 AM

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL
COMMITTEE
KANSAS A&B

9:00 - 10:30 AM

ABA DISASTER RELIEF
OKLAHOMA

9:00 - 10:30 AM

ABA CAMP WORKSHOP
COLORADO B

9:00 - 11:30 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION
CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY

9:00 - 11:30 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
WORKSHOP & MEETING
GEORGIA

9:30 - 11:30 AM

NATIONAL YOUTH MEETING
NEBRASKA-IOWA

10:00 - 11:30 AM

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE
EXPO ABC

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

ABA OFFICERS LUNCHEON
TEXAS

1:00 - 3:00 PM

THE GOOD FIGHT MINISTERS' WIVES
CONFERENCE
ARIZONA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 - 8:30 AM

MISSION BUILDERS' BREAKFAST
KANSAS

7:00 - 8:30 AM

LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC
SERVICE CHAPLAINS' BREAKFAST
ARKANSAS

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE
LUNCHEON (by invitation)
KANSAS A

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

34TH ANNUAL PREACHERS,
DEACONS, & WIVES OVER 55
LUNCHEON
COLORADO A

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 - 8:30 AM

ANNUAL MISSIONARIES' BREAKFAST
NEBRASKA

8:00 - 9:00 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
NEW OFFICERS' BREAKFAST
TEXAS

6:00 - 8:30 PM

18TH ANNUAL POST DINNER
JOHN Q

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

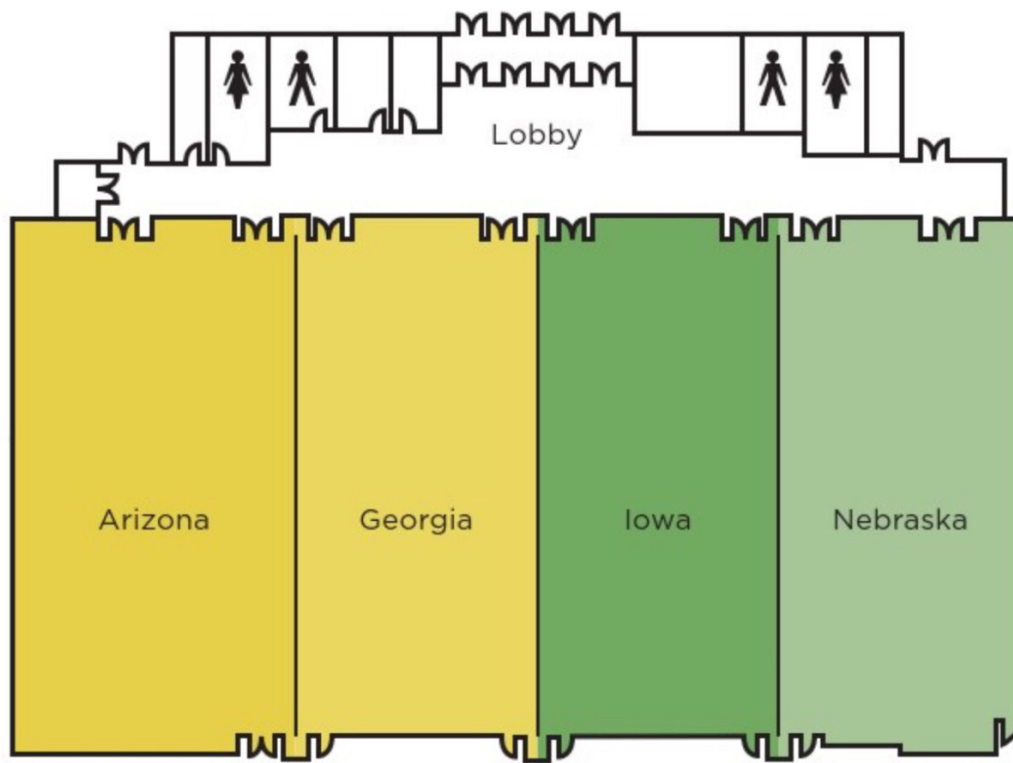
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
EXPO CENTER ROOM 2AB
Reservations must be made with
Neal Sutton



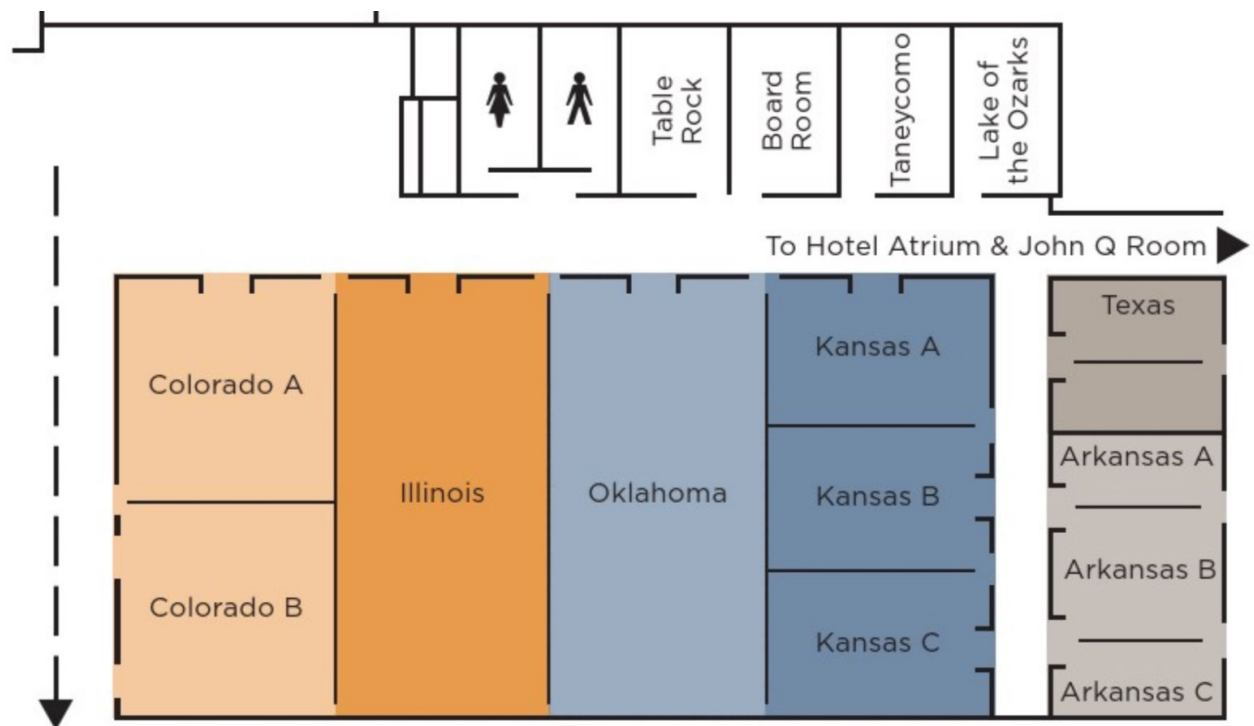
SECURITY:

The Security Committee is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for the 2025 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



Convention Center



Grand Ballroom

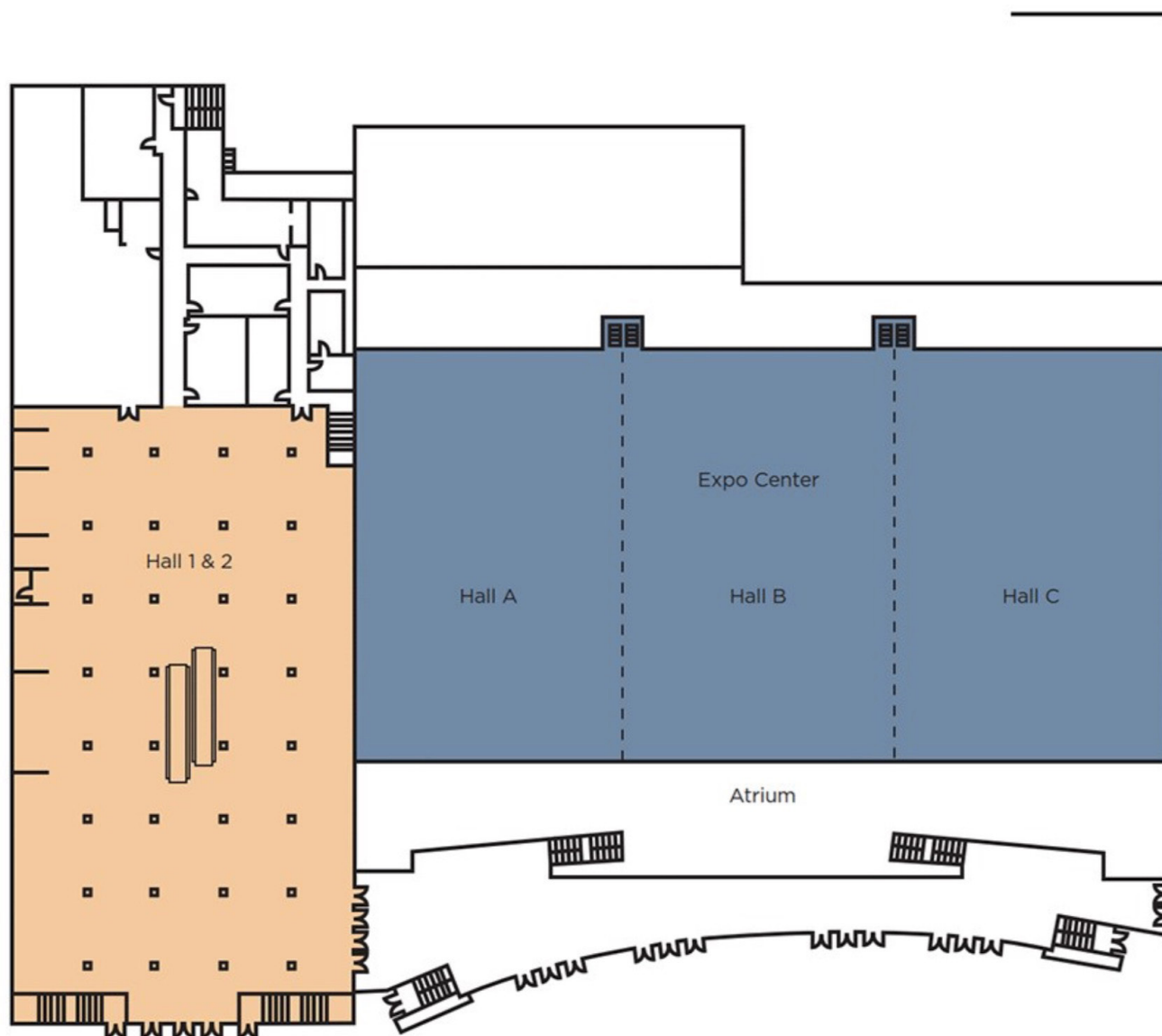
The General Sessions, Exhibits and the Standing Missionary Committee will convene at the Springfield Expo Center. All other meetings and events will be held at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center.

NAME BADGES

Name badges will be distributed Monday beginning at 4:00 PM in the Convention Center Lobby. To have your name badge ready when you arrive in Springfield, please register online at www.abaptist.org.

ENROLLMENT AND FINANCE

Enrollment and Finance will be located at the entrance to General Sessions.



Meal Functions & Name Badges

BANQUET MEALS THAT REQUIRE TICKETS

Please contact the person listed for each event to purchase ticket. WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION. Not only will you enjoy good food, but also great fellowship. All tickets must be finalized by Friday, May 14, 2025.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 - 8:30 AM

INTERSTATE MISSION
DEVELOPMENT
PLATED BREAKFAST

JOHN Q

Contact: Tim Ward
479.640.5976
a.tward@yahoo.com



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 - 8:30 AM

MISSION BUILDERS' PLATED
BREAKFAST

KANSAS

Contact: Brant Lane
606.677.6683
brant@macedonianms.org
or
Paul Lamb
606.677.6683
paul@macedonianms.org

Plated Breakfast
includes: Cheesy Scrambled
Eggs with Pork Sausage or
Bacon, Crispy Breakfast Potatoes,
Seasonal Whole Fruit, Butter-
milk Biscuit, Breakfast Pastries,
Iced Water, Orange Juice
and coffee.

If enough interest shown:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

34TH ANNUAL PREACHERS,
DEACONS & WIVES OVER 55
PLATED LUNCHEON
\$25.00 Inclusive per person
COLORADO A

*MENU: Roasted Chicken Breast with
Lemon Dill Beurre Blanc served with
Wild Rice Pilaf and Chef's Choice of
Seasonal Vegetables, Caesar Salad and
Chocolate Cake, Iced Water, Iced Tea,
and Coffee included.*

Please contact Neal Sutton if you
are interested in attending by Fri-
day, May 14, 2025 at aba@nealsut-
ton.com.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 - 8:30 AM

ANNUAL MISSIONARIES'
PLATED BREAKFAST
\$22.00 Inclusive
NEBRASKA

Contact: Karen Murphy
903.792.2312
kmurphy@abamissions.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 - 8:30 AM

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC
SERVICE CHAPLAINS' PLATED BREAKFAST
ARKANSAS

Contact: Wayne Hunter
352.572.7809
waynehunter65@gmail.com

Anyone serving as a Chaplain is invited to attend. This includes Law Enforcement Chaplains, Fire or Public Safety Chaplains, Military Chaplains or others serving in a Chaplain Capacity. Active Duty or Retired Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighters are invited to attend. To have an accurate count, please contact Wayne Hunter as soon as possible preferably by email.

If enough interest shown:

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

6:00 - 8:00 PM

18TH ANNUAL POST DINNER
\$35.00 Inclusive per person
JOHN Q

*MENU: Southern Style Beef Tips, Garlic Whipped Potato, Chef's
Choice Seasonal Vegetables, House Salad and Traditional Cheese-
cake with Fresh Fruit Coulee.*

Please contact Neal Sutton if you are interested in attend-
ing by Friday, May 14, 2025 at aba@nealsutton.com and
he will reply with payment options.