

98th Annual Messenger Assembly of the  
*American Baptist Association*

June 18 - 20, 2024  
Springfield, Illinois

DELIVERED US FROM DARKNESS  
TRANSLATED US INTO THE KINGDOM  
REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD  
FORGIVENESS OF SINS  
HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD  
FIRST BORN OF EVERY CREATURE  
ALL THINGS CREATED  
CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM  
BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST  
HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH  
HE IS THE BEGINNING

It's All **JESUS** About

...IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE PREMINENCE.  
COLOSSIANS 1:18





The 2024 ABA Meeting will be held in Springfield, Illinois. We will utilize the BOS Center, President Abraham Lincoln Springfield, and Wyndham Springfield City Center for our meetings. We have rooms secured at the Presidential Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and the Wyndham Springfield City Center. The hotels are across the street from each other and the Bank of Springfield Center is attached to the DoubleTree with an underground walk through. There are many restaurants within walking distance. We will open the block for hotel reservations Tuesday, January 9, 2024 and the last day to receive our rates will be Wednesday, May 24, 2024.



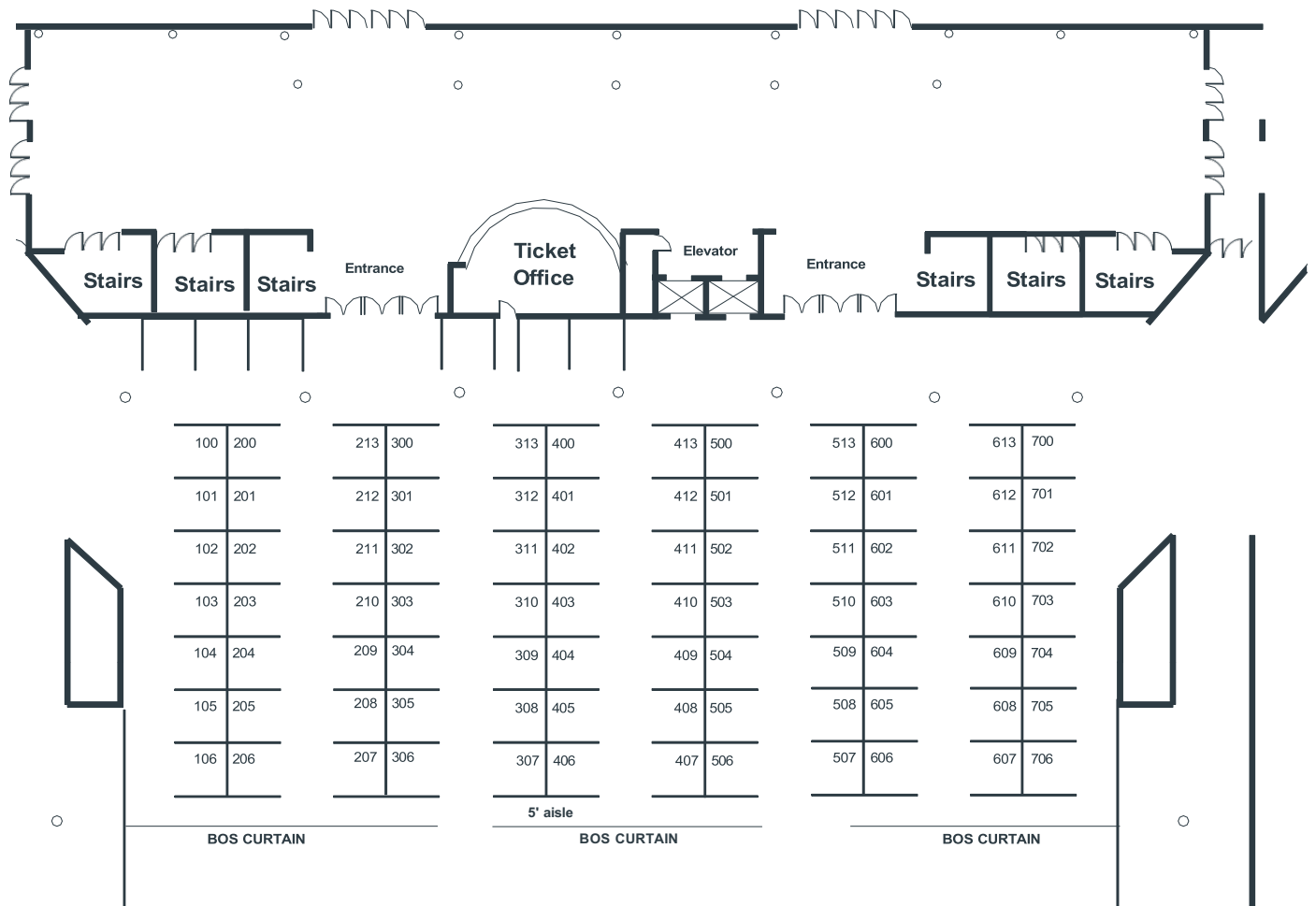
### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

*We will have a Sunday morning service in the Wyndham Ambassador Ballroom beginning at 10:00 AM, on Sunday, June 16, 2024.*

# Exhibits

## Exhibitors

Exhibitor information will be on the ABA website, [www.abaptist.org](http://www.abaptist.org), January 16, 2024. We will have 90 10' x 10' booths available for the 2024 ABA Meeting. If you are also a missionary/exhibitor, please provide its name and location.



For more information contact:  
 Neal Sutton  
 Director of Meeting Arrangements  
 7110 North Richland Drive  
 Texarkana, TX 75503  
 903.244.2647

# Proposed Agenda

## MONDAY, JUNE 17

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Exhibitors may set up booths

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 18

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

2027 Meeting Places

Scripture Reading and Prayer

4:15 - 6:30 PM

Exhibits Open

## TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 18

7:00 - 9:15 PM

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer

Special Music, Choir, Hymn

Introduction of Speaker

Special Music

Annual Sermon:

Nathan Luellen, Bossier City, LA

Response and Invitation

Expression of Appreciation

Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

9:15 - 10:30 PM

Exhibits Open

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 19

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 2025

Nominations for Missions Sermon 2025

Report of Camp Trustees

Election of Camp Trustees

Report of the Chaplaincy Commission

Election of the Chaplaincy Commission

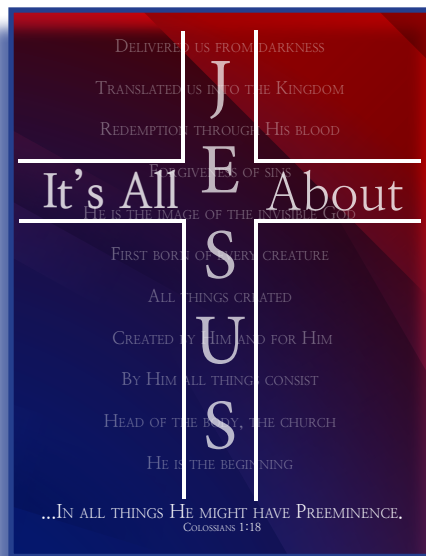
National Youth Fellowship Report

Miscellaneous Business

Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Exhibits Open



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 19

1:00 - 3:00 PM

### World Missions Focus - "More"

More Fields - Joe Morell

More Laborers - Scott Bourland

### Bogard Press Presentation

National Bible Challenge

VBS Presentation

3:00 - 5:30 PM

Exhibits Open

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 19

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:

Brant Lane, Somerset, KY

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 20

9:15 - 11:30 AM

Instrumental Prelude, Scripture and Prayer

Hymn

Select 2027 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 2025

Election of Mission Sermon Speaker for 2025

Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 20

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

**2025 MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD, MO  
JUNE 17-19, 2025**

The ABA provides NO CHILD CARE.

# 2024 Schedule of Events

## MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION  
MESSENGERS & GUESTS

WYNDHAM GRAND BALLROOM

Sponsored by Missionary Baptist  
Seminary, Little Rock, AR

7:00 - 9:30 PM

MISSIONARY SHARE TIME  
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
BALLROOM

7:30 - 9:00 PM

ABA SCHOOLS MEETING  
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
FREEPORT

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

7:00 - 8:30 AM

PAST PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM VISTA 3

7:00 - 8:30 AM

INTERSTATE MISSION DEVELOPMENT  
BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM EMBASSY

7:45 - 9:15 AM

CHORAL MUSIC WORKSHOP  
WYNDHAM AMBASSADOR BALLROOM

8:00 - 9:00 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
OFFICERS' MEETING  
WYNDHAM GRAND BALLROOM

8:00 - 9:30 AM

NATIONAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVES  
COMMITTEE  
WYNDHAM PLAZA 1

8:00 - 9:30 AM

MBSF COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
WYNDHAM CONFERENCE CENTER 2

8:30 - 10:30 AM

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE  
WYNDHAM PLAZA 3

9:00 - 10:30 AM

ABA CAMP WORKSHOP  
WYNDHAM CONFERENCE CENTER 4

9:00 - 11:30 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION  
WYNDHAM GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

9:00 - 11:30 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
WORKSHOP & MEETING  
WYNDHAM GRAND BALLROOM

9:30 - 11:00 AM

NATIONAL YOUTH MEETING  
WYNDHAM AMBASSADOR BALLROOM

10:00 - 11:30 AM

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CITY CENTRE

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

ABA OFFICERS LUNCHEON  
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
OTTAWA

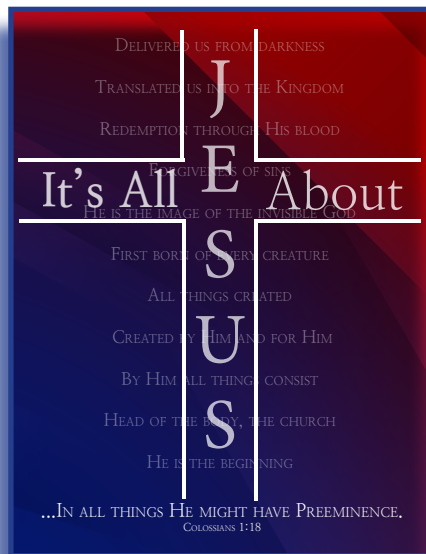
1:00 - 3:00 PM

THE GOOD FIGHT MINISTERS' WIVES  
CONFERENCE  
WYNDHAM GRAND BALLROOM

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

7:00 - 8:30 AM

MISSION BUILDERS' BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM VISTA 1, 2, 3



7:00 - 8:30 AM

LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC  
SERVICE CHAPLAINS' BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM VISTA 4, 5

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE  
LUNCHEON (by invitation)  
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
OTTAWA

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

34TH ANNUAL PREACHERS,  
DEACONS, & WIVES OVER 55  
LUNCHEON  
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
SALON A & B

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

8:00 - 9:00 AM

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
NEW OFFICERS' BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM VISTA 1

7:00 - 8:30 AM

ANNUAL MISSIONARIES' BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM AMBASSADOR BALLROOM

6:00 - 8:30 PM

18TH ANNUAL POST DINNER  
WYNDHAM VISTA 4, 5, 6

## TUESDAY - THURSDAY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
BOS CENTER LOWER LEVEL  
Reservations must be made with  
Neal Sutton

## SECURITY:

Your Security Committee is committed to providing the most secure environment for the 2024 Messenger Meeting. We continue to move towards vetting everyone who attends our sessions and related events. The first consideration is the issuing of Badges (Credentials) and asking everyone to wear them at all times when attending sessions. We are working with the Enrollment Committee to improve this process. Please be advised that Illinois does not permit concealed or open carry of firearms anywhere in the state. Illinois does not recognize the CWP (Concealed Weapons Permit) from any other state. Only sworn LEO's for other states are permitted to conceal carry in this state. Please be forewarned.

Wayne Hunter, Chairman  
Security Committee

# 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 24, 2024.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 - 8:30 AM

INTERSTATE MISSION DEVELOPMENT  
PLATED BREAKFAST  
WYNDHAM EMBASSY

Contact: Vernon McNully  
501.284.9099  
imdmcnully@arismail.com

Plated Breakfast includes:  
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Sausage and Bacon, Biscuits and Gravy, Coffee, Juice and Water.

If enough interest shown:

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

34TH ANNUAL PREACHERS,  
DEACONS & WIVES OVER 55  
PLATED LUNCHEON  
\$25.00 Inclusive per person  
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
SALON A & B

*MENU: Garden Salad with Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette, Garlic Bread, Chicken Primavera, and Brownies.*

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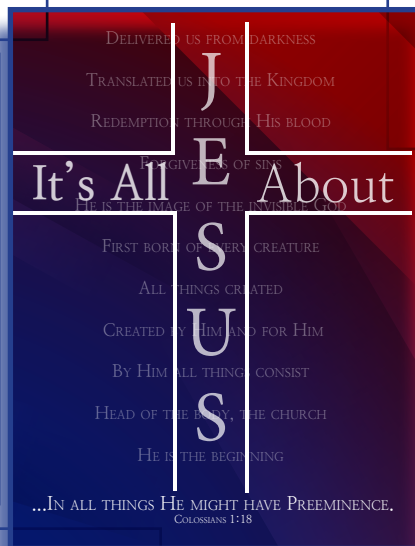
7:00 - 8:30 AM

MISSION BUILDERS' PLATED  
BREAKFAST

WYNDHAM VISTA 1, 2, 3

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

Please contact Neal Sutton if you are interested in attending by Friday, May 24, 2024 at [aba@nealsutton.com](mailto:aba@nealsutton.com).



### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 - 8:30 AM

ANNUAL MISSIONARIES'  
BREAKFAST PLATED  
\$25.00 Inclusive  
WYNDHAM AMBASSADOR  
BALLROOM

Contact: Karen Murphy  
903.792.2312  
[kmurphy@abamissions.org](mailto:kmurphy@abamissions.org)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 - 8:30 AM

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC  
SERVICE CHAPLAINS' PLATED  
BREAKFAST

WYNDHAM VISTA 4 & 5

Contact: Wayne Hunter  
352.572.7809  
[waynehunter65@gmail.com](mailto: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 20

6:00 - 8:00 PM

18TH ANNUAL POST DINNER  
\$32.00 Inclusive per person  
WYNDHAM VISTA 4,5, 6

*MENU: Garden Greens, Rosemary Garlic Pork Loin served with Au gratin Potatoes, Broccoli and Strawberry Shortcake.*

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## NAME BADGES

Name badges will be distributed at from Monday at 4:00 PM until Tuesday at 5:00 PM. On Monday, the Name Badges will be at the Wyndham Mezzanine Desk. Name Badges will move to the BOS Center on Tuesday. To have your name badge ready when you arrive in Springfield, please register online on [abaptist.org](http://abaptist.org), or email Doug Clements at [aba.badge@gmail.com](mailto:aba.badge@gmail.com) or use the ABA Name Badge Facebook page. Include your Name, Church, City and State.

