



# GUIDE TO THE SBC

**June 11th-14th, New Orleans, LA**

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# Sunday, June 11th

## Sunday Evening

**(2:00PM):** Registration

Location: New Orleans Convention Center - Hall B

**(3:00PM):** Exhibit Hall Opens

Location: New Orleans Convention Center - Halls B & C

**(6:30PM):** 2023 SBC Pastors' Conference

Location: New Orleans Convention Center - Halls D & E

**(ALL DAY):** Prayer Room Open

Location: New Orleans Convention Center - Hall D Lobby

For a schedule of all auxiliary events and other SBC Annual Meeting Information visit: <https://sbcannualmeeting.net/>



# Monday, June 12th

## Monday Morning

**(8:00AM):** 2023 SBC Pastors' Conference

Location: New Orleans Convention Center - Halls D & E

**(8:00AM):** Exhibit Hall Opens

Location: New Orleans Convention Center - Halls B & C



**(8:00AM): Registration**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Hall B**

**(9:00AM): SBC Pastors' Wives Conference**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Great Hall**

**(9:00PM): B21 Late Night Event Panel**

Location: **Immanuel Church, 3515 Elysian Fields Avenue,  
New Orleans, LA. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/mvcr2nez>**

## Monday Afternoon/Evening

**(12:00PM): NAMB Send Luncheon**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Halls I & J**

**(2:30PM): SEND Network NEXT Event**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Hall J**

**(4:45PM): SBC Annual Meeting Messenger Orientation**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Rooms 208-210**

**(9:00PM): 9Marks @ 9**

Location: **Sheraton New Orleans - Napoleon Ballroom ABCD**

**(All Day): Prayer Room Open**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Halls D Lobby**



## Tuesday, June 13th

### Tuesday Morning

**(7:30AM): Registration**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Hall B**



## A few notes about the Annual Meeting that will help you prepare to be engaged:

- 1). Plan to be in the room during all the sessions as it is impossible to fully know when business will arise or that things will run according to the proposed schedule.
- 2). Read the Book of Reports available on the SBC Annual Meeting App ahead of the meeting.
- 3). Daily Bulletins will be released on the App and handed out as you enter the main hall each day to help you stay up to date on the most important information.
- 4). Follow the Baptist21 Twitter Account for breaking news and important updates.
- 5). For a more detailed explanation of all things SBC Annual Meeting, listen to this past podcast [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of our interview with Amy Whitfield where she explains business, motions, resolutions, and many other aspects of our annual meeting.

### **(8:00AM): 2023 SBC General Sessions**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Halls D & E**

## General Session Morning Schedule

**8:00AM - Worship** (James Cheesman, Convention music director; worship pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas)

**8:10AM - Opening Prayer**

**8:15AM - Welcome and Call to Order** (Bart Barber, SBC president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas )

**8:25AM - Registration Report and Constitution of Convention**

(Don Currence, SBC registration secretary; administrative pastor, First Baptist Church, Ozark, Missouri)

**Details:** The registration secretary will announce how many messengers are registered and that is important because it will help establish a quorum (25% of registered messengers) for votes moving forward.





### **8:30AM - Committee on Order of Business Report (First)**

(Spence Shelton, chair; lead pastor, Mercy Church, Charlotte, North Carolina)

**Details:** The Committee on Order of Business Report will propose an agenda which has to be approved by the messengers.

**This is an important time to be in the room because messengers can amend the proposed agenda.**

**Note:** In subsequent Committee on Order of Business Reports, the Committee will “dispense” with motions. Meaning it will be decided if they will be referred to a specific entity, be scheduled for debate, or ruled out of order.

### **8:35AM - Introduction for New Motions (First)**

**Note:** We anticipate a motion to be brought forward to recommend the forming of a committee to study and bring recommendations pertaining to article 3.1.

### **8:55AM - North American Mission Board Honoring our Chaplains**

(Chaplain Major General Doug Carver, U.S. Army retired, executive director of chaplaincy North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Georgia)

### **9:07AM - North American Mission Board Report**

(Kevin Ezell, president, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Georgia)

### **9:16AM - North American Mission Board Presentation (Kevin Ezell)**

### **9:41AM - International Mission Board Report**

(Paul Chitwood, president, International Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia)

### **9:50AM - Mission Sending Celebration (Paul Chitwood)**

**Details:** This will be a time of recognizing and praying over missionaries being sent from Southern Baptist churches through the IMB to the mission field.



**10:35AM - Worship** (Paul Chitwood)

**10:50AM - President's Address** (Bart Barber)

**11:30AM - Closing Prayer**

**(12:00PM): B21 Lunch Panel**

**Location: The Sugar Mill - 1021 Convention Center Blvd.**

## General Session Afternoon Schedule

(Plan to be in the room for the whole session)

**2:00PM - Worship** (James Cheesman, Convention music director; worship pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas)

**2:10PM - Opening Prayer**

**2:15PM - Committee on Committees Report** (Riley Prather, chair; lead pastor, Green Valley Crossing, Putnam, Connecticut)

**Details:** The Committee on Committees, appointed by the SBC President appoints the Committee on Nominations. **This could be an important time to be in the room as names to the Committee on Committees can be challenged.**

**2:25PM - Committee on Nominations Report** (Michael Criner, chair; lead pastor, Rock Hill Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Texas)

**Details:** The Committee on Nominations appoints trustees to serve on the SBC entities' trustee boards. **This could be an important time to be in the room as names to the Committee on Nominations can be challenged.**

**2:40PM - Committee on Resolutions Report (Part 1)**

(David Sons, chair; lead pastor, Lake Murray Baptist Church, Lexington, South Carolina)



**Details:** Southern Baptists will have submitted resolutions for the messengers to consider and vote on. During this time, messengers will discuss, possibly amend, and vote on the resolutions that the Resolutions Committee brings to the floor. An approved resolution is non-binding on both the SBC as a whole and her entities, but it does represent the opinions of the messengers who are present for that specific SBC meeting.

**This will be an important time to be in the room.**

### **3:10PM - Election of President**

**Details:** During this time, messengers will vote for the next President of the SBC. This represents an unprecedented year in the recent history of the SBC with a challenger (Mike Stone) running against an incumbent (Bart Barber). For interviews with both candidates go to the B21 podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/baptist-21/id1441454363>

**3:20PM - Executive Committee Report (Part 1)** (Willie D. McLaurin; interim president and CEO, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)

**Details:** Interim President Willie D. McLaurin will report on the work of the EC. The EC sort of acts ad-interim for the SBC the 363 days we are not in session.

### **3:45PM - Miscellaneous Business**

**Details:** During this time, we will hear the appeals by the churches who have been deemed not in “friendly cooperation” with the SBC by the credentials committee, including Saddleback. B21 has addressed the Saddleback situation here: <https://baptist21.com/uncategorized/2023/sbc-2023-a-time-for-clear-complementarianism-wise-cooperation/>

### **4:15PM - Committee on Order of Business Report (Second)**

(Spence Shelton, chair; lead pastor, Mercy Church, Charlotte, North Carolina)

**Details:** See above on Committee on Order of Business Report (First).

### **4:30PM - Introduction for New Motions (Last Opportunity)**

### **4:50PM - Election of First Vice President**

### **5:00PM - Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force Report**

(Marshall Blalock, chair; pastor, First Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina)





**Details:** It is likely the Task Force will ask for another year to complete their work given to them by the messengers. This will come in the form of a motion that will need to be approved by the messengers.

**5:25PM - Closing Prayer**

## Tuesday Afternoon/Evening

**(7:30PM): The Pillar Network Gathering**

Location: **Sheraton New Orleans - Rhythms I, II, III**

**(9:00PM): 9Marks @ 9**

Location: **Sheraton New Orleans - Napoleon Ballroom ABCD**

**(ALL DAY): Prayer Room**

Location: **New Orleans Convention Center - Hall D Lobby**



## Wednesday, June 14th

### Wednesday Morning

**8:00AM - Worship** (James Cheesman, Convention music director; worship pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas)

**8:05AM - Opening Prayer**

**8:10AM - Woman's Missionary Union Report** (Sandra Wisdom-Martin, executive director-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama )

**8:16AM - GuideStone Financial Resources Report** (D. Hance Dilbeck Jr., president and CEO, GuideStone Financial Resources, Dallas, Texas)





**8:25AM - Lifeway Christian Resources Report** (Ben Mandrell, president and CEO, Lifeway Christian Resources, Brentwood, Tennessee)

**8:34AM - Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report** (Brent Leatherwood, president; Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville, Tennessee)

**8:43AM - Election of Second Vice President**

**8:53AM - Worship** (James Cheesman)

**9:05AM - Convention Sermon** (Todd Unzicker, executive director-treasurer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Cary, North Carolina)

**9:45AM - Committee on Order of Business Report (Third)**  
(Spence Shelton, chair; lead pastor, Mercy Church, Charlotte, North Carolina)

**10:05AM - Previously Scheduled Business**  
(Bart Barber, SBC president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas)

**Details:** If any of the motions need to be scheduled for debate they would be scheduled here. **If so, this would be an important time to be in the room.**

**10:25AM - Executive Committee Report (Part 2)** (Willie D. McLaurin; interim president and CEO, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)

**10:55AM - Committee on Resolutions Report (Part 2)** (David Sons, chair; lead pastor, Lake Murray Baptist Church, Lexington, South Carolina, see Committee on Resolutions Report part 1 for details)

**11:25AM - Closing Prayer**

**Lunch - Seminary Alumni Lunches**



## Wednesday Afternoon

**2:30PM - Worship** (James Cheesman, Convention music director; worship pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas)

**2:40PM - Opening Prayer**

**2:45PM - Election of Recording Secretary**

**2:55PM - Election of Registration Secretary**

**3:05PM - Joint Seminary Reports**

- Jeff Lorg, president, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California;
- Jason K. Allen, president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri;
- James K. Dew Jr., president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Daniel L. Akin, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina;
- R. Albert Mohler Jr., president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky;
- David S. Dockery, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

**4:00PM - Previously Scheduled Business**

**Details:** See Previously Scheduled Business above. **This could be an important time to be in the room if there are motions to debate.**

**4:20PM - Committee on Resolutions Report (Part 3)** (David Sons, chair; lead pastor, Lake Murray Baptist Church, Lexington, South Carolina)

**4:50PM - Committee on Order of Business Report (Fourth)**

(Spence Shelton, chair; lead pastor, Mercy Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, Election of 2024 Convention Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director )

**5:00PM - Presentation of Officers**

**5:10PM - Closing Prayer**