

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

CONFERENCE SESSIONS 2026

THEME

What is this year's theme?

This year's theme, chosen by President Rev. Ericessen Cooper, is 'Follow Me...I Will Make You Fishers of Men.'

ACTIVITIES

What activities will be happening during Conference Sessions 2026?

There will be singing, committee meetings, seminars, youth and children's activities, a women's banquet, a pastor's luncheon, relevant devotions, and inspiring messages all centered around the Conference Sessions 2026 theme, Follow Me...I Will Make You Fishers of Men. We will post a schedule as soon as it is finalized, along with all other Conference Sessions 2026 information on the Conference Sessions 2026 web page (<http://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/cs2026>).

What are the appropriate ages/grades for nursery care, KidCon, and YouthCon?

Nursery care is available for those from birth to PreK (0-4 years old approximately). KidCon will be available to those going into Kindergarten-5th grade (5-11 years old approximately). YouthCon will be available to those going into 6th-12th grade (12-17 years old approximately). These programs/services are available for a \$30 fee. We will staff and supply these programs/services based on registration numbers, so please select these options if you would like them.

DESTINATION

Where will Conference Sessions 2026 be held?

We will be using facilities on the campus of Calvin University, located in Grand Rapids, MI.

What is there to do in Grand Rapids, MI?

Grand Rapids is a large US city with many attractions and events as well as a vibrant art and dining scene. Visit experiencegr.com to find out more about what there is to experience in Grand Rapids and the surrounding areas.

SCHEDULE

Are there any major schedule changes to Conference Sessions 2026 from previous years?

Our sessions this year will be five days long instead of seven. We will be transacting all of our business (including committee work) within the first two days of our sessions. We plan on having learning opportunities on Thursday and worship in the evenings. A full schedule will be released when it is available.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Is there any way that Conference Sessions 2026 might be canceled?

We are committed to having an in-person gathering in 2026. We do not foresee any circumstances that would lead us to cancel this event.

What is the deadline for registration?

There is an early bird registration option ending by May 1 that will provide a discount. July 5 is the last day to register for Conference Sessions 2026. Payment for all registrations must be provided by July 5. NO walk-up registrations will be allowed. This is due to providing the correct numbers to the host site for facilities, meals, and lodging.

Will there be any paper registration for Conference Sessions 2026?

No. All registration will be online and will require an email address. If you struggle with making online reservations, our Conference Sessions Team can assist you. Contact us at registrar@seventhdaybaptist.org or 608-752-7055 ext. 708.

Will any of the events be live-streamed?

While we encourage everyone interested in the events of the sessions to attend in person, we will likely be live-streaming (or recording and posting later) worship services and the awards time. We encourage those who choose to watch at home to offer a donation to help with the costs of production. (Donation form at www.seventhdaybaptist.org/giving/.)

PRICE

How much will it cost?

Please see the Price Sheet at the end of this FAQ.

Are there any other fees?

If you plan on using the Nursery, KidCon, YouthCon, a shuttle to the host site from the airport, or attending the women's banquet, there will be an additional cost. The fees will be used to help cover the costs of these events and provide us with a headcount for those using these programs/services so that we can prepare accordingly.

Do I need to pay all of my fees when I register?

No, however, this is the expectation of most conference events upon registration. You can pay your full registration cost by ACH or debit/credit card at the time of completing your registration. If you pay your fees by check, we must receive that check by July 5 for your registration to be confirmed. All fees owed (any balance due) will need to be paid by July 5 to ensure your spot. No payment will be taken on-site during check-in. Any unpaid registrations will be canceled after July 5.

What will the Conference Sessions 2026 refund policy be?

*Any cancellations made by registrants by July 5 will receive a full refund. Any cancellations made by registrants after July 5 will receive **NO** refund.*

TRANSPORTATION

When should I arrive on campus to begin check-in or attend events?

Please do not arrive on campus to check in before Tuesday, July 21, at 1:30 pm. Your personal arrangements before this time and after breakfast on Sunday, July 26, are your responsibility.

What happens if my plans for Conference Sessions 2026 change?

We recommend that you purchase trip insurance/protection offered by your travel carrier or a third-party insurer to help mitigate any travel expense loss due to cancellation.

What airport should we fly into for Conference Sessions 2026?

We will arrange pick-ups and drop-offs at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR) for a fee of \$40, or there are ride-share connections that can be made to Calvin University. This airport is serviced by most major airlines. If you choose to arrive by other public transportation means (train, bus, etc.), we may be able to arrange pick-ups and drop-offs as well for a \$40 fee.

What about parking on campus?

Parking on campus is covered in your registration fees, but know that some parking lots are located at some distance from the buildings that we are using, and that parking fills up quickly.

How about getting around on-campus for those with limited mobility?

We will be mostly located in buildings that are in proximity to each other for our events throughout the week. We plan on allotting plenty of time for people to make the transition between scheduled events. While we will be offering some golf cart services, those may not line up with your particular individual schedules or needs. We encourage those who have trouble walking distances between buildings on campus to arrange for their own scooters or motorized chairs to assist them. Many of the facilities include elevators (if needed), or ramps, and are ADA-compliant.

LODGING

Do I need to bring linens for my bed if I am staying on campus?

No. Linens are included with your on-campus registration. This includes sheets/cases, a blanket, a pillow, a towel, and a washcloth.

What are the dorm rooms like and can I choose my roommate?

Our contracted rooms are typical dorm rooms that include 2 single beds each and share a bathroom with an adjoining room. You will have the option in registration to indicate your preference of roommates. They are NOT air-conditioned. You may wish to bring a fan with you. There may not be fans available from the college.

Are there preferred places to stay off-campus if that is my option?

No. If you are staying off-campus, your lodging arrangements are your responsibility, and there are a variety of hotels, bed and breakfasts, and rental homes that would be available within a 30-minute drive. There are also RV parks in the area. If you are staying off-campus, you are responsible for transporting yourself to and from Carthage College.

MEALS

Will I be able to purchase meals on campus if I am not staying on campus?

Yes, you may purchase a meal ticket for all five days, or you may purchase individual meals at the door, but at a higher per-meal price than the dining hall meal ticket.

What if I have dietary restrictions?

There should be many options for all types of palates and dietary restrictions. There will be gluten-free, vegetarian, and lactose-free options at main meals (including an entree). Pork may be an option at meals, but there should be other food selections as well. For extra sensitivities, please let us know in your registration, and we will do our best to make accommodations with the dining service on-campus.

What meals will be included in the dining hall meal ticket?

Our dining hall meal ticket includes all meals from dinner on Tuesday, 7/21, until breakfast on 7/26.

What if I don't eat breakfast, etc.?

If you do not choose the dining hall meal ticket, you may purchase individual meals at the door, but at a higher per-meal price than the dining hall meal ticket.

OTHER QUESTIONS

What if I have another question, need advice on the best choice for my Conference Sessions 2026 logistics, have difficulty registering, or have a special request?

We want to see you there for Conference Sessions 2026. It doesn't hurt to ask any questions. Contact the Conference Sessions Team at registrar@seventhdaybaptist.org or 608-752-5055 ext. 708. We will find you an answer.

PRICE LIST for SDB Conference Sessions 2026

| Registration Items | Early Bird Price | Price after 5/1/2026 |
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| Event Registration – Age 6 and up. | \$170 | \$200 |
| Event Registration – Age 5 and under, no charge. | \$0 | \$0 |
| Registration to attend on Sabbath only, no charge, suggested donation to the Conference Offering: \$25 per person. | \$0 | \$0 |

| Optional Items | Early Bird Price | Price after 5/1/2026 |
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| On-Campus Lodging , Single bed in Double room for any age person, Non-AC dorm. (Five nights, linens and a box fan included.) | \$157 | \$185 |
| On-Campus Lodging , Age 5 and under, ON FLOOR, Non-AC dorm. No more than 2 children on the floor per room. | \$0 | \$0 |
| Dining Hall Meal Ticket, Age 11 and older. Includes dinner 7/21/26 through breakfast 7/26/26. | \$241 | \$270 |
| Dining Hall Meal Ticket, Age 6 to 10. Includes dinner 7/21/26 through breakfast 7/26/26. | \$135 | \$165 |
| Dining Hall Meal Ticket, Age 5 and under , no charge. | \$0 | \$0 |
| Women's Banquet. Hosted by the SDB Women's Society. Open to all women attending Conference Sessions 2026. | \$40 | \$40 |
| YouthCon (Associated Conferences) For those entering grades 6-12 (ages 12-18 approximately). Includes Youth Banquet. | \$30 | \$30 |

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| KidCon (Associated Conferences) For those entering Kindergarten – 5 th grade (ages 5-11 approximately). | \$30 | \$30 |
| Nursery (Associated Conferences) Care for children from birth to PreK (ages 0-4 approximately). | \$30 | \$30 |
| Round-trip Shuttle from/to GRR Airport. A ride from Gerald R Ford International Airport to Calvin University on 7/21/26 and return to the airport on 7/26/26. | \$40 | \$40 |