

20th Anniversary Celebration

of the
**Evangelical Association of
Reformed & Congregational
Christian Churches**



**THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



FIRST PROTESTANT
CHURCH OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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The Gospel begins with GO!

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Helpful Links in your trip planning...

www.firstprotestant.com

www.innewbraunfels.com

www.visitsanantonio.com

www.austintexas.org

www.traveltexas.com

LODGING 19-23 September 2018

The extremely popular tourist town of New Braunfels boasts of over 100 places for visitors to stay (hotels, motels, B&Bs, cabins, etc.). Mention the “booking code” to get the discounted rates at the locations below. If you have Reward Points from a certain hotel chain, or other reduced rate promotions (such as AARP, military, senior, etc.) you may find lower prices using a search engine such as TRIVAGO, EXPEDIA, HOTELS.COM, TRIP ADVISOR, ETC...

The most convenient, located next door to the church, is the Faust Hotel. Though older with rooms not as spacious as new motels, it is quaint and operates its own micro-brewery. Prices below are only valid until 19 August.

*= Provide your church tax exempt number when making reservations and save money and time checking in!

Country Inns & Suites

1483 I-35 N Frontage

830-387-4688

1 king= \$102 + tax*

2 queens= \$107 + tax*

Free Breakfast

Booking code= “0919FirstP”

Candlewood Suites

1471 I-35 N Frontage

830-837-4014

1 King= \$92 + tax*

2 queens= \$99 + tax*

Can purchase Breakfast

Booking code= “FPC”

Sleep Inn

1477 IH 35N Frontage

830-625-7700

1 king = \$71.00

2 queens = \$75.00

Free Breakfast

Be sure and call local

number and ask for

Michelle Francis or email,

michelle.sleepinnnb@gmail.com

Ask for CHURCH RATE

Faust Hotel

240 S Seguin 830-625-7791

No Breakfast

Wed & Thu

\$69 + tax*

\$99 + tax*

\$119 + tax*

Single: 1 Single bed (small room)

Standard: 1 Queen bed

Double: 2 Full size beds

Booking Code=“EA Convocation-FPC”

Fri & Sat

\$89 + tax*

\$119 + tax*

\$139 + tax*

AIRPORTS

New Braunfels is located on Interstate 35 between San Antonio International [SAT] (25 minute drive) and Austin-Bergstrom International [AUS] (45 minute drive). You may want to check airline and rental car costs at both airports to determine the best value for your trip. We have found over the years, that unless the round-trip airfare ticket is \$40-\$50 cheaper, then it is more convenient and time-saving to fly into San Antonio rather than Austin.

2018 EA CELEBRATION– FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH

The **Gospel** Begins with  Acts 1:8

THURSDAY – 9/20/2018 Board Meeting | Location: Conference Room

9:00 – 12:00 BOARD MEETING 12:00 – 1:30 - LUNCH 1:30 – 5:00 BOARD MEETING
6:00 pm: Dinner TBA

FRIDAY – 9/21/2018

We encourage you to arrive early in the day and take time to become familiar with our German-heritage town. Please see enclosed information concerning hotel information.

2:00-6:30 pm Registration in front glass foyer, and snacks in Schumann Hall
3:00-4:00 pm Keynote Speaker – Wink Kelso in Schumann Hall
4:00 pm Fellowship/Free time
6:00-7:00 pm Dinner (catered by NB Smokehouse) in Schumann Hall
7:30-8:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary – Pastor Ray Still
8:30-9:00 pm Fellowship/Light refreshments in Schumann Hall

SATURDAY – 9/22/2018

8:00-10:00 am Registration in front glass foyer, and deluxe continental breakfast in Schumann Hall
9:00-10:00 am Keynote speaker - Don Turner in Schumann Hall
10:00-10:30 am Break
10:30-11:30 am Keynote Speaker – Stan Hankins in Schumann Hall
11:30 am Break
12:00-1:15 pm Lunch (by Clear Springs Catering) in Schumann Hall
1:30-2:30 pm Workshop Session One
2:30-3:00 pm Break
3:00-4:00 pm Workshop Session Two
4:00-5:00 pm Joint Choir Practice in Choir Room
4:00-5:20 pm Fellowship & Free time
5:30-7:00 pm Dinner (by Clear Springs Catering) in Schumann Hall
7:00-7:30 pm Break
7:30 pm EA 20th Anniversary Celebration in Sanctuary- Joint Choir
 “PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE.”
8:30 pm Schumann Hall for cake and refreshments

SUNDAY – 9/23/2018

Join us for worship before heading home. Rev. Dr. John Richter, EA Board President will present the message in the 9 & 10:30 Traditional services (Sanctuary). Rev. Jim Barnes, EA National Minister will present the message in the 10:30 Contemporary Service (Schumann Hall).

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All Workshops EXCEPT #4 will be available at both 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm

1. Which Way is Your Church Facing?

Don Turner, President & CEO , Global Focus

You can tell the health of a church by which way it is facing. If it is facing inward, the church is sick. If it is facing outward, the church is healthy or getting healthy. The reason is simple; Christ's church is most healthy when it embraces what He loves most deeply - the whole world! So how do we turn our local churches outward? During this workshop I will talk about three major steps the church can take to begin to face outward. I will also talk briefly about how Global Focus helps churches to take those steps.

2. The Co-Mission with Jesus

Wink Kelso, Servant of Servants

An interactive workshop with discussion, questions and answers regarding missional activities and developing God's heart for the world in your church.

3. Conflict Resolution: New Twist on an Old Problem

Stan Hankins,
Ambassadors For Christ International

Untangling knots of discord proves tricky. Through creative consideration, this workshop recognizes inevitability of conflict, even within God's family. We gain understanding of causes and explore fresh steps for redress. We conclude affirming supernatural resources available in Christ. Conflict does not have the last word: Jesus does.

4. The Evangelical Association: Who We Are

***1:30 pm only**

Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA

Liberal theology has been influencing the mainline churches for nearly a century and is now translating into policy decisions in many denominations which are forcing evangelical, conservative congregations and pastors to question their affiliations. In this workshop we will consider the Evangelical Association as a post denominational alternative for believers who want to take a stand for truth. This workshop is particularly helpful for those wanting to learn more about the EA or who are considering affiliation with the association.

5. Sabbath Living

Dan Hetherington, EA Company of Pastors

Everyone is called to live a Sabbath lifestyle, which for pastors can be difficult, and at times can seem almost impossible. But we are not talking about simply making sure that we take a day off, nor are we talking about Sunday as being Sabbath. We all need to be putting things in place in our lives on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly schedule to be re-energized, to be re-created, so that we can better come to the tasks God lays before us – more ready and prepared to work in His strength and not fall into a trap of trying to work in our own strength. There will also be an introduction to the Company of Pastor's and what we are aiming to do, of which living a Sabbath lifestyle is one example.

6. Keeping the Good, Going for Great!

Denise Martin Marshall,

Director of Children's Ministries First Protestant

In this session, the Director of Children's Ministries, Denise Martin Marshall will share her journey as she entered her position with declining student and volunteer attendance. Denise will present a sample of activities and projects she used to help renew the interest and the importance of ministering and equipping young children in her congregation.

7. Discipleship & Serving (Merge Student Ministries)

Chris Savage,

Director of Youth Ministries First Protestant

There is a true balance between time for discipleship and time to serve. In this workshop we will discuss ways for local churches to develop a student ministries program to fulfill the Great Commission. Come and be encouraged by how Merge Student Ministries disciple and serve people here in New Braunfels, Texas, America and around the world.

8. Taking Care of Your Own

Jill Rodriguez,

Director of Lay Ministry First Protestant

There comes a time in the life of your elderly church members when they can no longer attend Sunday services and participate in church activities. That is when you must take church to them, letting them know they are NOT "out of sight and out of mind." During this workshop you will be given tools of how to begin or strengthen a Lay Ministry program in your own church. No membership is too small or too big. Whether you have five or seventy-five shut-in members, you will learn how to care for their spiritual needs. You will also be given ideas of how to increase the pastoral care of your congregation, i.e. meal programs, respite care, transportation, etc. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

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Member Registration Form

The Gospel Begins With **G** **O**!

NOTE: Please duplicate this form for each registrant as needed.

Please print clearly.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Address: _____

Church: _____ Website: _____

Position in Church: (ie: Pastor, teacher, music, layperson, etc...) _____

Saturday Workshop (1:30 pm): _____

Saturday Workshop (3:00 pm): _____

Please indicate any special needs (Physical, nutritional or other): _____

_____ Full Registration Fee (with all 3 meals) is \$40.00 (Amount enclosed: _____ Check # _____)

_____ Friday **DINNER ONLY** Registration Fee is \$10.00 (Amount enclosed: _____ Check # _____)

_____ Saturday **LUNCH ONLY** Registration Fee is \$10.00 (Amount enclosed: _____ Check # _____)

_____ Saturday **DINNER ONLY** Registration Fee is \$20.00 (Amount enclosed: _____ Check # _____)

Please get this registration form into the Church Office as soon as possible.

Please make checks payable to First Protestant Church.

Please mail your registration form and check as soon as possible to :

First Protestant Church, 172 West Coll St., New Braunfels, TX 78130

F E A T U R E D

S P E A K E R S



Wink Kelso - Friday Afternoon

Wink & Glyn founded Servants of Servants in 1997 when they acknowledged the call of God on their lives for the nations. Their ministry is serving missionaries and mission leaders, equipping indigenous leaders to operate with a Kingdom mindset, rescuing women from human trafficking, and encouraging the western church to send and go, networking with like-minded Kingdom ministries to see global revival and the Great Commission fulfilled. As of 2017, Wink & Glyn have ministered in 22 countries to over 2500 missionaries along with the indigenous leaders they serve alongside.



Pastor Ray Still - Friday Evening

Pastor Ray Still and his wife Sandra have been married for 37 years. They have one son, Mitchell and daughter-in-law, Alicia. Pastor Ray attended the University of Houston. He has been the pastor of Oakwood Baptist church for 25 years. Oakwood has a membership of over 6,000 and holds 6 services each Sunday. Pastor Ray is the Chairman of New Braunfels Ministerial Alliance. He presently serves as a Chairman of Trustees on the board for Howard Payne University and is a Trustee for Christus Health. He is an Executive Board Member for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and has served as a Trustee on the board for Houston Baptist University, McKenna Memorial Hospital, and McKenna Foundation.



Don Turner - Saturday Morning

Don Turner took over as President & CEO of Global Focus in 2014 at the recommendation of the retiring founder and president, Dr. Larry Reesor. Don serves as the Chairman of the Board of IMPACT, an organization that exists to take the gospel to the unreached people groups of the Indo-Malay people of Southeast Asia. Don also serves as the Chairman of the Board of the LifeWay group of churches in suburban Seattle. Don lives in the Seattle area with Anne, his wife of 44 years. He has two adult daughters, Amy who serves with World Vision USA and Heather who serves as the Pastor of Community Life for LifeWay Church in Federal Way.



Stan Hankins - Saturday Morning

Stan Hankins is a graduate of Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary. Stan served as a pastor of multi-ethnic congregations in the Hawaiian Islands for fifteen years. Since 1996, as a full time international evangelist, he regularly speaks at leadership training conferences, teaches at theological colleges, and preaches in various ministry settings and retreats. Ministering under the banner of Ambassadors For Christ International, Stan has spoken across the United States and in more than thirty nations around the world. He presents a clear biblical Christ-centered message flavored with humor and practical application. Stan's life and ministry experience equip him with cross-cultural fluency and effect. He has served numerous denominations and collaborated with diverse mission agencies. Stan and his wife Brendalyn Ponilani reside in Honolulu, Hawaii. Their ministry is highlighted by diverse musical presentation. They have three grown sons.

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

**** Please be aware that the speakers and presenters at EARCCC events come from a variety of traditions. There may be differences in points of theology, polity, and application. Each of our speakers and presenters shares with us a common passion for Jesus Christ, the authoritative Scripture, and the work of advancing the kingdom. (Board of Directors, Evangelical Association, approved March 8, 2013) ****



Combined Choir

We would like to offer those that have an interest, the opportunity to worship and sing in a joint choir at the Saturday Evening Worship Celebration. We think this will be a wonderful time of fellowship and joy for those in this joint choir and for those in attendance. Practice will be from 4-5pm on Saturday. If you wish to join in this worship opportunity, please respond below and return this information with your registration form. Music information will be forwarded to those that register for the choir via email.

Name: _____

Church: _____ Location (town/state): _____

Email: _____

Are you (please circle): Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Exhibitor Application

If you or your church have information or merchandise (Christian books, musical CD's, Christian art, cookbooks, etc...) that you would like to offer at the 20th Anniversary Celebration, vendor tables will be available. Small rooms are available if you need to store items prior to display. There are limited electrical outlets. All exhibitors will be subject to approval and are due with registration (August 30th). Vendors will be responsible to setup/breakdown and maintain their merchandise and table.

Note: Vendors are subject to approval and space availability.

Name: _____ Church: _____

Type of merchandise: _____

Requirements for merchandise setup: _____

Childcare

Childcare will not be available for any portion of the Gathering.

