

DOERS ^{OF} THE WORD

88th NATIONAL CONVENTION
TAMPA, FLORIDA | JULY 21-24, 2024

What does it mean to be **Doers of the Word**? This is the question Free Will Baptists will consider when they gather in Tampa, Florida, July 21-24, for the 88th National Convention. Why is this theme so important? The answer is simple, according to Executive Secretary Eddie Moody. **“Now, more than ever, the lost world needs to see the example of Christians who simply do the Word!”**

Sunday morning, after Gary Clark (FL) teaches the Sunday School lesson, Dr. Bob Brown (FL) will encourage listeners to do the Word by embracing trials (James 1). Sunday evening, Josue Suarez (FL) will offer the challenge to do the Word by treating others well (James 2). Monday, Chaplain Brad Hanna (VA) will remind the congregation to do the Word by taming the tongue (James 3:1-8). Tuesday, Reuben Cason (NC) will encourage doing the Word by enduring suffering (James 5:7-12). Wednesday, following the commissioning service for new church planters and missionaries, Noah Taylor (TN) will offer the reminder that every believer has a responsibility to do the Word by reaching the world. Sunday afternoon, attendees will gather to observe the washing of the saints’ feet, and the Lord’s Supper will be observed during the Sunday evening service.



Gary Clark (FL)
Sunday School



Bob Brown (FL)
Sunday Morning



Josue Suarez (FL)
Sunday Evening



CH Brad Hanna (VA)
Monday Evening



Reuben Cason (NC)
Tuesday Evening



Noah Taylor (TN)
Wednesday Evening

While coming together for worship remains the highlight of each year’s National Convention, the meeting involves far more than services. Delegates will handle the **denomination’s business** during the annual sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. Attendees of every age will enjoy 90-plus **seminars, panel discussions, and workshops** presented by various departments and agencies of the denomination on a myriad of topics. The **Exhibit Hall** will be packed with great resources from departments, ministries, and vendors. Women will gather for a missionary service, fellowship over coffee, and hear from speakers on various



topics of interest. Students will participate in the **Vertical Three Conference**, with services, activities, and events designed for them. And **CTS Expo** national competitive finals will keep parents, coaches, and competitors on the edges of their seats!

Ready to plan your trip to this year's convention? Find regular updates, schedules, and more at nafwb.org/convention. We'll see you in Tampa!

Make an IMPACT.

IMPACT Tampa, the annual, one-day service and evangelism campaign, will be held Saturday, July 20. Volunteers will gather at First FWB Church Tampa at 9:00 a.m. Please note: the church will help provide transportation to service locations as needed but will not provide shuttle service to and from downtown hotels.

Two service projects are available this year. The first project is **making and distributing hygiene kits for the homeless**, working closely with the local Salvation Army for delivery suggestions. Supplies and donations are needed to accomplish this project. That means even if you cannot attend the convention, you can impact Tampa by donating to Master's Men for the purchase of supplies. Donations can be made online at fwbmastersmen.org/donate or mailed to: Master's

Men, PO Box 5002, Antioch TN 37011. Please mark these donations **IMPACT Tampa**. Onsite volunteers can bring supplies with them if preferred. Visit fwbmastersmen.org for a list of needed supplies.

Those participating in the second project will **partner with Faith Tampa** to serve at local elementary schools in cleaning and beautification projects. More details on project specifics will be forthcoming. Please register your group for either project at www.fwbmastersmen.org/ImpactTampa.

Convention Music

The **Convention Choir, Orchestra, and Praise Team** will be guided once again by the Convention Worship Team. Worship Service Coordinator Kevin Justice encourages all musicians to visit the following webpages for more details and updates regarding convention music:

fwbworship.com/choir
fwbworship.com/orchestra
fwbworship.com/praiseteam





- + **Take it outside.** From native wildlife at Lettuce Lake Regional Park to pristine beaches with sugary white sand, the Greater Tampa area has endless opportunities to enjoy nature. Here are just a few:
 - Palmetto Beach (7 min)
 - Davis Island (7 min)
 - Desoto Park (8 min)
 - McKay Bay Nature Park (8 min)
 - Ben T. Davis Beach (14 min)
 - Gardenville Beach (17 min)
 - Picnic Island Beach (19 min)
 - Gandy Beach Mangroves (20 min)
 - Lettuce Lake Regional Park (30 min)
 - Hillsborough River State Park (30 min)
 - Caladesi Island State Park (accessible by boat only)
- + **Savor the flavor.** Tampa has many great foods to enjoy (below) that won't break the bank.

FOR THE LATEST CONVENTION UPDATES:
NAFWB.ORG/CONVENTION

Six Free (or cheap) Things to Do in Tampa

Despite rising inflation, Tampa offers travelers a great variety of options for low-budget fun. Consider these suggestions:

- + The **Tampa Riverwalk** is a 2.6-mile-long open space and pedestrian trail along the Hillsborough River with great views, beautiful landscaping, and multiple dining and entertainment options.
- + **Sunshine Skyway Bridge**, or simply “The Skyway,” is a pair of long beam bridges with a tall cable-stayed bridge that spans Lower Tampa Bay. The bridge provides a wonderful place to see the sunset or watch windsurfers.
- + **Historic Ybor City** housed the Cuban and Spanish factory workers at the turn of the 20th century. These days, the neighborhood contains shops, restaurants, outdoor markets, and — of course — remains the best place in Tampa to buy Cuban sandwiches.
- + **Pirate Water Taxi** provides a fleet of six pirate-themed vessels for transportation along the downtown riverway. The covered boats offer daily tours of Tampa, with stops all along the route near attractions, museums, restaurants, and parks. Purchase tickets online or at the home dock at the convention center. Once purchased, you will receive a wristband allowing you to hop on and off the taxi at any stop the entire day.

Great LOCAL FLAVORS to Taste in TAMPA

1. Cuban Sandwich 
2. Key Lime Pie 
3. Empanadas 
4. Spanish Bean Soup 
5. Deviled Crab Bites 