

2023 AMS Summit Registration Letter

**Time to Register is Right Now!**  
**Florida Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders**  
**Essentials for Helping the Small Church**  
**2023 Leadership Summit**  
**January 9 – 10, 2023**  
**Florida Baptist Convention**  
**6850 Belfort Oaks Place**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32216**

Dear Association Leader,

Thank you for your service as an Associational Mission Strategist. What a wonderful AMS/DOM Leadership Summit we had last January! It was absolutely incredible seeing one another again. Everybody who was in attendance was blessed beyond measure and the fellowship around all of the meals was so sweet. This upcoming AMS Leadership Summit will be equally so. Our annual AMS retreat – the **Florida Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders' Summit** – is **January 9-10, 2023** at the Baptist Building in Jacksonville. We really hope you can join us for this time of learning and fellowship. Our theme this year is: **Essentials for Helping the Small Church!**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE FCBAL SUMMITT!**

To register, please email Katrin Lindo – [Klindo@flbaptist.org](mailto:Klindo@flbaptist.org) – and include whether you need lodging for just Monday, or Monday and Tuesday, as well as if your spouse is coming with you. (Lodging and all meals during the retreat are covered). We have shortened the finish time on Tuesday to 5:00pm, to enable more travel time for those who need to return home on Tuesday.

Do not miss the opportunity to learn from **The Small Church Expert Karl Vaters** at this coming years AMS Leadership Summit. Karl is the author of many books on the strengthening and renewal of small churches. Monday afternoon we will deal with the Essential for Helping the Small Church. His topic is: **Essentials for Helping The Small Church: Leading the Smaller Church Without Settling for Less.** In a day where everything is focused on the large church our time with Karl Vaters will be quite valuable since most of our churches across the state of Florida are small churches.

**Then consider the question:** What if we begin to dream or imagine about a better spiritual outcome in our churches? What if all of us were to show and share Jesus with lost people? **Mike Kann** will lead a session on their latest evangelism training material utilizing business cards. This is a perfect tool for you to go back home and equip your pastors. Anything we can do to move the gauge on our baptisms is time well spent. Getting this tools to help your pastors is a godsend.

**During our Roundtable Discussion in Groups we will have four options (You are able to choose two):**

- **New AMS Leaders** (3 years or less) – **Sean McMahon & Brian Nall**
- **Bi-vocational AMS Leaders** (Dual Roles) – **Tim O'Carroll**
- **Getting the Resource Tools You Need as an AMS** – **Tom Cheyney & Jeffrey Haglund**
- **Finishing Well: How Not to Coast into Retirement** – **Walter Bennett**

**This year our wives sessions will be led by Glenda Haglund with help from other ladies from our AMS Wives. On Tuesday they will be working with and ministering to our conventions *One More Child*. We are asking that every association leader bring Children's Pajamas for them to give to these children. We are seeking sizes from Newborn to Twelve years old and would prefer new or gently used sleepwear. Our ladies will be touring the facility and dropping off the donations on Tuesday at 10 AM. What a great time they will have together supporting one another.**

**Additionally, we are looking forward to hearing Dr. Tommy Green, Dr. Rick Wheeler and Dr. Jerry Hagg speak to all of us on day two with Caleb Duncan leading the music for our closing time of worship.** What a wonderful time together this will be. Do not miss it. Mark it on your calendars right now and take a few minutes to registration with Katrin Lindo – [Klindo@flbaptist.org](mailto:Klindo@flbaptist.org).

Also, we have several gifts to bless each of our association leaders in their work. Those who are in attendance will receive three new books from the program leaders for the Leadership Summit. We are also excited to give each of our leaders access to a new feature for you as the leader of your association. We will be rolling out a special web page that will have resources created by and contributed by our fellow ASM/DOMs. **Brian Nall** has created a brand new web site for us to utilize and support one another. A great big thank you Brian for getting this up and running. In a day where new AMS leadership is coming aboard we felt this was a great way to resource our present and emerging leaders.

Attached to this email you will **find the agenda for our summit**. We hope your wife will be able to attend this year as well.

**One final point.** Each year we ask every AMS to financially contribute to this fellowship, primarily to offset costs involved with the retreat. Two years ago we agreed that a graduated structure, based upon the number of churches in each association, was the most equitable way to handle these dues. That structure is:

Associations with 39 churches or fewer:	\$50 annually
Associations with 40 to 90 churches:	\$100 annually
Associations with 91 or more churches:	\$150 annually

We are collecting Dues for 2023 and it would be wonderful if you could have your dues in before the AMS Leadership Summit. Please help us and send your check in today.

Dues are payable to:

**Florida Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (or simply FBCAL)**  
**c/o Joe Maddox**  
**Nature Coast Association**  
**936 Hwy. 41 South**  
**Inverness, FL 34450**

If you have any questions, feel free to call me (678-575-9798) or Joe Maddox (our FBCAL Treasurer) (352) 726-7799.

We really hope you can join us January 9-10, 2023.  
Email Katrin – [Klindo@flbaptist.org](mailto:Klindo@flbaptist.org) – today and get registered!

Respectfully Yours and Happily His,

Tom Cheyney, President FBCAL  
2 Tim. 1:7