



The Middle Tennessee Chapter of PAUMCS
Welcomes you to Music City, U.S.A. for the
2018 PAUMCS Annual Conference

March 1, 2018

Dear PAUMCS Conference Registrant:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! Thank you for registering to attend the **2018 PAUMCS Conference in Nashville, April 12-14**. The Middle TN Chapter welcomes you to Music City, U.S.A. Please read this entire message because it contains important instructions.

Attached is a copy of the **Conference Schedule** as you are making your travel arrangements; a **meeting room map** is also included. I have also attached a current copy of the **Conference Brochure** which gives short biographies on our featured preachers and speakers.

Consider arriving in Nashville early. There are many things to see and do, and you are assured of good music at any local venue. Even if you registered to participate in one of the pre-conference activities (full-day tour group to downtown Nashville or a half-day trip to the Opryland Area), you may still want to consider arriving earlier or staying later to experience Nashville: [Visit Music City](#). In fact, April 10th is Opening Day for our [Nashville Sounds](#), if you are a Minor League Baseball fan.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE: The average temperatures in Nashville for the second week of April range from a high of 75 during the day to a low of 40 at night. You may need a jacket for outdoor activities; we recommend a sweater to wear during conference sessions in case the room temperature becomes too cool for you.

HOTEL: Check in at the [Nashville Airport Marriott](#) is 4:00 p.m. and check out is 12:00 Noon; they often have rooms available earlier. If you have not yet made reservations, please call the hotel directly at (615) 889-9300 and mention PAUMCS for the group rate of \$199 per night. The deadline to reserve a room in the room block is March 13, 2018. If you have a roommate, the

hotel requires names of each person in a room. If you need a roommate, please contact [Nancy Gardner, Registrar](#). Overnight parking at the hotel is \$8.00 per person beginning 1/1/2018. However, this has been waived for PAUMCS registrants. Overnight guests will be given a parking permit upon check-in at the front desk. Daytime parking is free. The sleeping rooms include free Wi-Fi.

TRANSPORTATION: It is important you advise us when and how you will arrive in Nashville so we may coordinate our welcoming hospitality. Take a moment to fill out this [Transportation to Conference Form](#). The form includes information about driving and/or flying to Nashville.

EARLY ARRIVALS: There is no planned meal on Wednesday evening unless you are from the 2016 or 2017 certification classes; if so, you will receive further information directly from Natalie Schuette. The hotel does have a restaurant (and a Starbucks). The first shared meal is lunch on Thursday, April 12th.

DRESS: Attire for the Conference is business casual. Therefore, we discourage gym clothes, rumpled or ripped clothing, miniskirts, underwear as outerwear, revealing attire such as bare midriffs and beach style flip-flops. Business casual dress is appropriate for Saturday afternoon's Celebration Banquet and Closing Worship, too.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: It is imperative that you complete this online [Medical Form](#). The forms will be held by the Registrar in case of a medical emergency and will be destroyed at the end of the Conference.

HOSPITALITY ROOM: There will be a hospitality room this year where attendees may gather for social time. You never know who may break out into song in *Capitol I*.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies not noted on your registration form please e-mail that information to [Nancy Gardner, Registrar](#). Those requiring special meals will be given a card to place on the table at meal time to alert the hotel staff of your needs.

PAPERLESS MEETINGS: Again this year, we will conduct a paperless conference. All necessary documents will appear on the [PAUMCS website](#) so you may download or print what you want in hard copy. Items for the Business Meeting on Friday evening, April 13th (such as the Minutes of the 2017 Conference, the proposed Budget, and the slate of new officers) will be available 30 days prior for your reading pleasure. Otherwise, check back often, as information will be continually added and we will not be providing paper copies.

WORSHIP SERVICES: Different styles of music will be shared at all the worship services. In

fact, we will celebrate communion all three days. The Friday morning worship will include a memorial service to recognize PAUMCS members who have passed in the last year. In addition, we can recognize friends and family who have passed since last May by providing their name on a Tile that will be placed on the *Stairway to Heaven Wall of Fame*. Nomination Tiles (for friends and family) for the Wall will be available at the registration table for \$5 each.

LESLIE BAYLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: An offering will be taken during the Friday morning worship service to help fund this Scholarship. PAUMCS can accept your donation in the form of check or cash; checks may be made payable to PAUMCS. With the offering begin taken up on Friday morning, the finance committee will be able to report the amount of the gift at the Business Meeting on Friday evening.

MISSION PROJECT: We welcome Stacy Elliott from [End Slavery Tennessee](#) on Friday as she enlightens us about Human and Sex Trafficking, especially in Nashville. In preparation for support, you are encouraged to bring a monetary donation (for an offering at lunchtime on Friday with checks made payable directly to End Slavery Tennessee) or a \$10-\$25 gift card from Walmart, Kroger, McDonald's, or Amazon.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Remember that cancellations may result in the loss of your registration payments. Cancellation of your hotel room may result in the charge of one night's room.

The 2018 PAUMCS Conference Site Committee and the Middle TN Chapter have planned a musically-inspired, spiritually relevant networking event and are looking forward to your arrival in Nashville in April. We are going to Make a Joyful Noise!

Joyfully,



Brenda Lockhart
Site Chair for
2018 PAUMCS Conference