

What to Know Before You Arrive: A Guide to the Conference Experience

We are so excited to welcome you to **Faith Bible Church in Mechanicsville, MD**, for a powerful and deeply enriching conference experience. Whether you're attending for personal growth, healing, or to connect with others on a similar journey, this weekend is designed to provide insight, encouragement, and transformation.

Here's what you can expect leading up to and during the event:

Friday, March 28 – A Meaningful Start

The doors will open at **1:00 PM**, giving you time to check in, meet fellow attendees, and settle in. This is a great opportunity to connect with others before we officially begin.

At **2:00 PM**, we'll gather for a time of worship led by the **Faith Bible Worship Team**, preparing our hearts for the sessions ahead. Immediately following, **Dr. Jake Porter and Dr. Barbara Steffens** will take the stage for our opening session, setting the tone for the weekend with their wisdom and insight.

Later in the afternoon, we'll have another session before breaking for dinner at **4:30 PM**. **Please note that dinner is not provided, but a list of local restaurants will be available in the show notes.**

At **6:00 PM**, the doors will reopen for our evening sessions, which will include a special session by **Dr. Jake Porter** titled *Sex, Singleness & Spirituality*, a powerful discussion directed specifically toward singles. Friday's events will wrap up after these evening sessions, giving you time to reflect and rest before a full Saturday.

Saturday, March 29 – A Day of Growth and Connection

Saturday morning, the doors will open at **8:00 AM**, offering time to gather, grab coffee, visit the resource tables, or simply enjoy the company of others who understand this journey.

The day will officially begin with **worship at 9:00 AM**, followed by two morning sessions designed to challenge, encourage, and equip you.

At **noon, lunch will be provided for all attendees** (*meal options will be posted at the registration desk so you can check them in advance*). After a quick break, we'll reconvene in the sanctuary for an afternoon filled with **two more impactful sessions** and a **Q&A discussion** where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions

anonymously through **SLIDO** (*further instructions to be given at the conference*) or submit them in writing.

We'll bring the conference to a close with a final **worship session at 5:00 PM**, ending the weekend with gratitude and renewal.

Important Details to Keep in Mind

- ◆ **Food & Drinks:** Only **water** is allowed in the sanctuary. Snacks, water, and coffee will be available in the **Fellowship Hall** downstairs.
 - ◆ **Age Restriction:** This event is for attendees **16 and older** – there will be **no childcare available** on-site.
 - ◆ **Restrooms:** Restrooms can be found **both upstairs in the lobby and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall**.
 - ◆ **Parking:** There is **ample on-site parking**, and attendants may be available to assist with parking.
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A Space for Prayer & Support

Throughout the conference, **prayer teams will be available both during and between sessions**. Whether you need a quiet moment of prayer, a space to process what you're learning, or someone to stand with you in support, our prayer team will be there.

Specific **prayer rooms** will be designated for:

- ✓ **Men**
- ✓ **Women**
- ✓ **Couples**

Our speakers will also be available for prayer. Look for team members **wearing lanyards** for easy identification.

Resources & Materials

Books and additional resources will be available for **purchase on-site**, as well as online options for those who prefer digital access.

Please note: We will not be accepting **cash payments** on-site. Available payment methods include:



Credit Card & Check



Venmo, PayPal, Zelle

Local Accommodations

For those traveling from out of town, there are **several hotels within 10-20 minutes** of the church. We have secured **room blocks** at:



The Inn at Leonardtown



Holiday Inn Express (California, MD)

Additional recommended hotels include:

- Country Inn & Suites
- Hilton Garden Inn Solomon's
- Solomon's Marina
- Sleep Inn

Check the **conference newsletter** or **our website** for more lodging details.

Final Thoughts

This weekend is about **growth, connection, healing and restoration**. No matter where you are on your journey, we believe this time together will be meaningful. If you have any questions before arrival, feel free to reach out.

We can't wait to see you soon! Safe travels, and get ready for an incredible weekend.