

The background of the cover is a photograph of two hikers standing on the peak of a mountain. The sky is a gradient of dark blue at the top, transitioning through purple and pink to a bright orange and red at the horizon. The hikers are silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is one of strength and perseverance.

**STRENGTH TO STAND**  
**STUDENT PASTOR**  
**GUIDE**

**DECEMBER 28-30, 2023**

**JANUARY 13-15, 2024**

# STRENGTH TO STAND

Strength to Stand is a collection of student conferences, camps, tours, and more pioneered by the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. Through 35 years of ministry STS has worked to provide the next generation of the local church an atmosphere where they can worship, grow deeper in their faith, and take the next step in their faith whether it be salvation or growing in sanctification. The primary audience served are ages 11-18 with hundreds of churches from across the southeast. The conferences are under the supervision of the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association, Inc., which is recognized by the IRS as a nonprofit organization. Since 1987, this Association has been actively involved in conference ministries throughout the United States.

The Strength to Stand Student Bible Conferences are designed to offer a well-balanced and intense conference that will challenge your students to go beyond the surface of casual Christianity and foster them into a lifetime commitment to Jesus Christ. Born of a vision to see thousands of students congregating in the Great Smoky Mountains, these conferences are designed for students yearning for a deeper, more effective relationship with Christ. In addition to discipleship, students will be given the opportunity to respond to the Gospel. We make no apology in confronting lost students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## DECEMBER

The 32nd annual December Strength to Stand Bible Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee is scheduled for December 28-30, 2023. The conference will be held at the LeConte Convention Center in Pigeon Forge.

This conference will be one of the most exciting times you will ever remember. During our time together, you will be encouraged, challenged, and strengthened by some of the most effective ministers of our day such as: Scott Dawson, Thomas Beavers, Shane Pruitt, and Ed Newton. You will experience amazing concerts by Cody Carnes, Tauren Wells and We The Kingdom. And, to top it all off, your students will experience powerful worship led by STS Worship.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at the LeConte Convention Center. Conveniently, your students will be housed in hotels around the Sevierville/Pigeon Forge area. All the hotels are nice facilities, and most include a continental breakfast. When you send in your registration, you may list your top choice for hotels. We always do our best to accommodate your request. The hotels for the 2023 STSBC December are:

- Appy Lodge (Gatlinburg)
- Best Western Plaza Inn at Dollywood Lane
- Comfort Inn Dollywood Lane
- Econolodge Riverside
- Fairfield Inn and Suites
- Hampton Inn and Suites
- Hampton Inn Pigeon Forge
- Holiday Inn Convention Center
- LeConte Hotel
- Quality Inn and Suites Dollywood Lane
- Quality Inn Pigeon Forge
- Residence Inn
- Rivers Landing
- Sleep Inn
- Spring Hill Suites
- The Inn on the River
- The Lodge at Five Oaks
- Willowbrook Lodge

## JANUARY

The 30th annual January Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference is scheduled for January 13-15, 2024, which will coincide with the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday of schools in most states. The conference will be held at the LeConte Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

The conference will be one of the most exciting times you will ever remember. During the weekend you will be encouraged, challenged, and strengthened by some of the most effective ministers of our day such as: Scott Dawson, David Nasser and Levi and Alivia Lusko. You will experience amazing concerts by Cody Carnes, Tauren Wells and We The Kingdom! To top it all off, your students will participate in worship led by STS Worship!

The conference will be divided into two groups, Alpha and Omega. We are using two individual schedules to maximize our meeting space. We will try and meet your request for a specific group; however, it is important to remember that everything we do is based on first come, first served. A year-round tourist resort area, Pigeon Forge has opened its arms to meet our every need. Your group will have plenty of free time to enjoy the sites of the city. We recommend that you plan ahead for your Sunday afternoon free time. Your group will have the entire afternoon to explore Pigeon Forge or the streets of Gatlinburg, play laser tag, shop, see Ober-Gatlinburg or just rest in your room.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at the LeConte Convention Center. Conveniently, your students will be housed in hotels around the Pigeon Forge/Sevierville area. All the hotels are nice facilities, and most include a continental breakfast. When you send in your registration, you may list your top three choices for hotels. We always do our best to accommodate your request. The hotels for the 2024 STSBC January are:

- Appy Lodge (Gatlinburg)
- Best Western Plaza Inn
- Best Western Toni Inn
- Black Fox Lodge
- Comfort Inn and Suites Dollywood Lane
- Country Cascades
- Creekstone Inn
- Dollywood's DreamMore Resort
- Dollywood's HeartSong Lodge and Resort
- EconoLodge Riverside
- Fairfield Inn and Suites
- Hampton Inn Pigeon Forge
- Holiday Inn and Suites Convention Center
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Sevierville
- LeConte Hotel (formerly Main Stay Suites)
- Quality Inn Dollywood Lane
- Quality Inn Pigeon Forge
- Ramada Inn North
- River Lodge at Wilderness at the Smokies
- Rivers Landing
- Riverstone Resort and Spa
- Spring Hill Suites Pigeon Forge
- The Lodge at Five Oaks
- The Resort at Governor's Crossing
- The Summit at Country Cascades
- Wilderness Lodge at the Smokies
- Willowbrook Lodge

## PERSONALITIES



**THOMAS BEAVERS, *Speaker*** - Dr. Thomas Beavers serves as the 4th Pastor of New Rising Star Church in the Eastlake community of Birmingham, AL. Upon graduating from Kentucky State University and Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, he succeeded his grandfather, Dr. Tommy Chappell who served as New Rising Star's Third pastor for 35 years (1975-2010). As the servant leader of New Rising Star Church, Dr. Beavers leads several efforts that impact the community which include but are not limited to the following: education, financial literacy, workforce development, housing, recreation, and the church. The goal is twofold: to preach the gospel for the purpose of enlarging Heaven, and to develop people in the community that they may have access to a better quality of life on earth. Thomas and his wife, Candice, have eight children and three grandchildren.



**SCOTT DAWSON, *Evangelist*** - Scott Dawson has been preaching the Gospel since he was a teenager. The ministry that began with simple testimonials and youth rallies has grown into an evangelistic association that reaches across age and denomination lines in evangelistic efforts to offer a unifying message of hope: the Good News of Jesus Christ. Scott makes it a priority to keep his presentations real, innovative, and contemporary. Scott is the author of *Dear Lord Why?*, *The Complete Evangelism Guidebook*, *Evangelism Today*, *Tug*, *Emerge N Engage* and *Nothing to Lose*. Scott lives in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife, Tarra. They have two children, Hunter (Shannon), and Hope and one grandson, Jett.



**LEVI AND ALIVIA LUSKO, *Speakers*** – Levi Lusko is the founder and lead pastor of Fresh Life Church, located in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and everywhere online. He is a best-selling author, podcast host, husband, and father of five, and travels the world speaking about Jesus. Levi is the author of several books, children’s books, and devotionals, including *Through the Eyes of a Lion*, *I Declare War*, *The Marriage Devotional*, and his latest, *The Last Supper on the Moon*. He and his wife, Jennie, co-host their podcast, *Hey It’s the Luskos*. Levi and Jennie have one son, Lennox, and four daughters: Alivia, Daisy, Clover, and Lenya, who is in heaven.

Alivia Lusko is a daughter, sister, friend, learner, and leader. Born and raised in Montana as a pastor’s daughter, Alivia has been actively involved in her church community from a young age. When Alivia isn’t busy with school or church activities, you’ll find her on the tennis court, reading, or watching a good movie. With her outgoing personality and creative spirit, Alivia has a passion for learning more about Jesus, and sharing the love of Jesus with others.



**DAVID NASSER, *Speaker*** - In 1979, 9-year-old David and his family were forced to flee their home country of Iran amidst a bloody revolution, seeking asylum in America as refugees. At age 18, after years of difficult assimilation to a new culture during a time when Iranian American social and political tensions were high, David found hope and redemption through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Soon after his conversion from Islam to Christianity, he began pursuing his new-found calling in ministry. For over 30 years, God has used and equipped David as a gifted evangelist, author, and campus pastor of the world’s largest collegiate ministry. Recently, David and his wife Jennifer have moved to Franklin, TN to begin a new chapter as they lead a non-profit organization, the For Others Collective.



**ED NEWTON, *Speaker*** – Dr. Ed Newton is the lead pastor of Community Bible Church in San Antonio, Texas a 27,000-member multigenerational, multicultural congregation of disciple-makers who seek to initiate and celebrate life change in Jesus’ name. A pastor, speaker, and leader with an intentional burden to speak into the capital “C” church towards revival, leadership, evangelism, discipleship, missional living, and especially for the “next” generation to become a “now” generation. He is also the author of several books, the most recent being *Breathe Again*, a timely motivational resource for those seeking a renewal in their lives. Dr. Newton holds multiple degrees, including a Bachelor of Science in Church Ministries from Clearwater Christian College, a Master’s in Religious Education from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master’s in Divinity, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Pulpit Communication from Trinity Theological Seminary. Dr. Newton and his wife, Stephanie, have four children.



**SHANE PRUITT, *Speaker*** – Shane serves as the National Next Gen Director for the North American Mission Board (NAMB). He has been in ministry for over 20 years as a denominational leader, church planter, lead pastor, and student pastor. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Biblical Studies, a Master’s Degree in History, and a PhD in Clinical Christian Counseling. Shane is also a traveling communicator, evangelist, and Bible teacher. Every year he speaks to over a hundred thousand people about the good news of Jesus Christ. Shane has written two books, *9 Common Lies Christians Believe: And Why God’s Truth Is Infinitely Better* and *Calling Out the Called: Discipling Those Called to Ministry Leadership*. He and his wife, Kasi, reside in Rockwall, TX with their six children – Raygen, Harper, Titus, Morris, Elliot, and Glory.



**CODY CARNES, *Concert*** – Cody Carnes is a worship leader passionate about creating space where innovative artistry and authentic worship can collide. As a songwriter, he’s penned numerous cuts recorded by his wife, Kari Jobe Carnes, as well as the powerful anthem, “The Cross Has the Final Word.” Carnes never thought he’d be a worship artist because he couldn’t write a worship song. By the time he finished high school and moved to Dallas, he felt a clear call toward full-time ministry, but he didn’t want to spend the rest of his life singing other people’s songs. Taking a step of faith, he left the band he was a member of at the time, and the next morning, suddenly—or perhaps, divinely—he found himself able to write his first worship song, a track that eventually recorded by Gateway Worship. “It was just this testament to God telling me, ‘Whatever I’m calling you to, I will equip you to do it,’” Carnes remembers. He’s been writing and leading worship ever since.



**TAUREN WELLS, Concert** – Tauren Wells is a celebrated platinum-selling recording artist, multi-instrumentalist, and songwriter, with 10 GRAMMY® Award nominations, six number 1's, 225+ million career video views, six GMA Dove Awards, Billboard Music Award nomination, and over 1 billion global streams to date, and counting. Through his precise artistry, masterful lyrics, and dance-oriented performances, Tauren uniquely connects his contemporary Christian and Gospel sound with elements of pop, hip-hop and R&B. Tauren debuted his solo music in 2017, soon followed the GRAMMY®-nominated "Hills and Valleys, ". In 2018, Tauren released "Known," which reached no. 1 on multiple charts, while garnering him a 2019 GRAMMY® Award nomination for Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song and Billboard Music Award for Top Christian Song. His most recent collaboration with H.E.R., "Hold Us Together," was nominated for a 2022 GRAMMY® Award for Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song, along with a 2022 BET Award nomination and a 2022 NAACP Image Award nomination. His album *Citizen of Heaven* was up for 2022 GRAMMY® Award for Best Contemporary Christian Music Album and generated the single, "Famous For (I Believe)".



**WE THE KINGDOM, Concert** – We The Kingdom is a Grammy Nominated multigenerational family of musicians, producers and songwriters consisting of Ed Cash, Scott Cash, Franni Cash Cain, Martin Cash and Andrew Bergthold. The band organically formed at a Young Life camp in Georgia where each of the five members—wary and heartbroken due to a number of difficult circumstances—came to lead worship. Late one night, as they spontaneously gathered to write a song for the campers, their collaboration caught fire, bringing with it personal healing and a fresh dream for the future. An amalgamation of four different decades, We The Kingdom's music embraces pop, country, folk and rock—with a heart rooted in worship. Together, they write songs about the full spectrum of human emotion as they aim to capture brokenness, honesty, and the redemptive power of God's love through their vulnerable, gritty lyrics. Praised by *Billboard*, *Relevant*, and more, We The Kingdom's Grammy Nominated debut album, *Holy Water*, features two back-to-back No. 1 hits. As one of the top 20 breakout acts across all genres in 2020, the group's first single, "Holy Water," reigned at the top of the Christian radio charts for eight weeks, earning them a Dove Award for "New Artist of the Year."



**STS WORSHIP, Worship Leaders** – STS Worship is a collective of musicians whose heartbeat is to lead people to Jesus through music. STS Worship launched in the fall of 2020 as an extension of Strength to Stand - the student ministry arm of the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association.

*\*Although every person has been reserved in writing, we must express that all personalities are subject to change without notice. However, this is highly unlikely.*

*\*Not all personalities appear at both conferences.*

# REGISTER

Thank you for taking the first step in registering for the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conferences. Due to insurance and safety regulations, special identification bracelets will be given to all attendees. Fill out the summary sheet and group leader agreement for the entire group. Make sure that you include your group's rooming list with your check. **The hotel will not recognize your group as "registered guests" without a completed rooming list.** Send all forms, along with one check for your deposit or total amount payable to Strength to Stand Conferences, to:

**STRENGTH TO STAND STUDENT BIBLE CONFERENCE  
PO BOX 59405  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35259**

We will receive registrations until we reach our maximum capacity of meeting space. You may fax your reservation, including your American Express, Discover, Visa or MasterCard number to 205.833.9138, or register online at [strengthtostand.com](http://strengthtostand.com) (a 3% surcharge applies to all CC payments). Any payments received within 30 days of the conference are **ONLY** payable by church check, money order, and cash, Discover/Visa/MasterCard or American Express.

# PRICES

We will be providing some of the most enjoyable, entertaining, and inspiring activities possible during a two-night, three-day event. The conference is priced according to occupancy:

## DECEMBER PRICING:

| BASIC HOUSING                   | STANDARD HOUSING                | DELUXE HOUSING                  | PREMIUM HOUSING                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 per room.....\$139 per person | 4 per room.....\$159 per person | 4 per room.....\$179 per person | 4 per room.....\$199 per person |
| 3 per room.....\$149 per person | 3 per room.....\$169 per person | 3 per room.....\$209 per person | 3 per room.....\$229 per person |
| 2 per room.....\$169 per person | 2 per room.....\$189 per person | 2 per room.....\$259 per person | 2 per room.....\$279 per person |

## JANUARY PRICING:

| BASIC HOUSING                   | STANDARD HOUSING                | DELUXE HOUSING                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 per room.....\$129 per person | 4 per room.....\$149 per person | 4 per room.....\$179 per person |
| 3 per room.....\$139 per person | 3 per room.....\$159 per person | 3 per room.....\$209 per person |
| 2 per room.....\$159 per person | 2 per room.....\$189 per person | 2 per room.....\$259 per person |

Stay an extra night for a discounted rate! Call the STS office for those rates! For persons not staying at a conference hotel, there is an \$89 per person conference fee.

Remember: You may reserve spots at the conference by paying a **non-refundable deposit** of \$50 per person.

**Receive a \$10 per person discount when you are paid in full by October 11, 2023 (DEC) or October 23, 2023 (JAN).**

**DECEMBER STRENGTH TO STAND STUDENT BIBLE CONFERENCE** registrations postmarked on or before October 11, 2023, will receive a \$10 per person discount. Any registrations postmarked after December 7, 2023, will incur a \$5 per person late fee. All fees are transferable. Changes must be made known to SDEA no later than 24 hours prior to arrival.

**JANUARY STRENGTH TO STAND STUDENT BIBLE CONFERENCE** registrations postmarked on or before October 23, 2023, will receive a \$10 per person discount. Registrations postmarked after December 27, 2023, will incur a \$5 late fee per person. All fees are transferable. Changes must be made known to SDEA no later than 24 hours prior to arrival.

# REFUND POLICY

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| <b>90-365 DAYS OUT</b> | STS will offer a full refund minus the non-refundable \$50 deposit. No questions asked. |
| <b>46-89 DAYS OUT</b>  | STS will offer a half refund minus the non-refundable \$50 deposit.                     |
| <b>45 DAYS OUT</b>     | No refunds unless approved by STS.*   |

\*No refunds unless approved by STS. The following are acceptable reasons for a refund: (1) A person is unable to attend due to medical conditions. A signed statement from a medical doctor advising the person not to attend the conference must be presented with a letter of request. The letter from the doctor must be written for the sole purpose of requesting the refund and/or the dates of the conference must be mentioned in the period forbidding travel by the person registered for the conference. If the person is hospitalized on any day of the conference, a letter from the hospital showing the dates of hospitalization shall serve in place of a letter from a medical doctor. (2) Death of an immediate family member. The immediate family shall be defined as parents, stepparents, grandparents, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, sisters, stepsisters, brothers, stepbrothers, aunts, or uncles. This policy does not apply to cousins. A copy of the obituary showing the date must be attached to the refund request. In cases where the obituary does not show the family relationship, a letter from a pastor or funeral director handling the services must be attached to the refund request. (3) A person is married to an individual who meets the criteria of (1) or (2) above. (4) The requirement of a governing school body of a registered individual to attend classes. (5) Service on jury duty or active military duty by a registered individual. Documentation of proof of the above situations may be required before a refund will be issued. (6) A pastor or paid church staff member is required to participate in a funeral service during the conference. An obituary or a letter from a funeral director of officiating minister stating the person's involvement in the funeral must be attached to the refund request.

- Each refund date is counted back from the opening day of each conference.
- The person making the original registration, or the designated group leader must make all refund requests.
- The refund check or certificate will be made payable to the party upon whom the original registration check was drawn. No refund can be issued until at least fifteen (15) days after the deposit of the original check.
- All group accounts must be paid in full before refunds can be made to any person in the group. Such refunds shall be credited to the account of the group.
- Rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.
- The conference office must receive any required documentation before the end of thirty (30) days after the close of the conference.
- All refunds will be paid within 45 days after the event.
- All requests for refunds must be in writing and sent to: **Strength to Stand Conferences**      **info@strengthtostand.com**  
**PO BOX 59405**      **205.833.9163**  
**Birmingham, AL 35259**

# DETAILS

## CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

The conferences target students from sixth grade through college. Due to insurance regulations, it is STS's policy to require each person to be in the sixth grade or at least twelve years of age. Because we try to effectively minister to such a wide range of students, please refrain from bringing younger children unless you acquire special permission from STS.

## MEALS

After the conference fee is paid, the only expense your group will have is meals. You have three options for mealtime:

- Many fine and fast-food restaurants are located within a seven mile radius of the conference center. During designated times for meals, your church will be responsible for your group's transportation to and from the eating establishment.
- There are many restaurants that deliver. Please remember there may be an additional charge for delivery.
- There are a variety of food options available at concession stands throughout the Convention Center. Prices vary.

**To see dining options for Pigeon Forge, go to the Pigeon Forge Visitor's website at [mypigeonforge.com](http://mypigeonforge.com).  
The Strength to Stand Conferences are not involved with any meal plan.**

## COUNSELORS

STS requires that for the first three (3) students of the same gender, one (1) counselor of that gender must be present. Then, for every five (5) students of the same gender at least one (1) counselor is required. We encourage you to bring as many counselors as possible.

A counselor should be mature, a member of your church, a Christian, at least 21 years of age, and should be balanced according to genders. You must have one counselor highlighted as the person in charge of your group. Unless otherwise noted, this will be the Student Pastor. Please choose your counselors wisely.

## THE SERVICES

The worship services will revolve around encouraging students to incorporate their faith into everyday life. Your students will be challenged to be bold in their faith by drawing on the strength of fellow believers. In every service, you will experience praise and worship music that will fill your heart with passion. Everyone will be challenged by one of our powerful speakers as they are impacted by the real and relevant messages these men and women deliver.

We suggest you use the evenings to continue worship in a small group atmosphere. **"Church Time"** is designed for your group to gather and share. God will move in your group during the conference, so take advantage of this time by sharing laughs, tears, prayers, and experiences together. You choose the location and setting that best suits your group. **Due to limited space, STS cannot provide a space for church time.**

At the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conferences, you will enjoy the most proven and competent Christian personalities of our day. We are constantly working to truly make this a life-changing conference. We must take time and acknowledge that only God can work like this.

## THEME

Everyone desires to be seen. We hope that person knows our name, our parent(s) see our effort, and our employer notices our hard work. But, at the core of our desperate desire to be seen lies an empty pit. This is because we know that no one will ever fully understand us, and no amount of attention could ever really satisfy. However, there is good news. What if a generation desiring to be seen gained something much deeper? What if a generation seeking to be noticed would meet the Father who Knows? The same One who proclaimed to the woman at the well all she had ever done and declared to Moses and the people of Israel that He knew them by name. What if a generation longing to be seen could gain something much more meaningful? What if they learned that the true purpose of their life is simply to **Know and Be Known?**

## NATIONAL DISASTER CANCELLATION POLICY

Since STS began, we have always followed through with hosting planned events. We are committed to continuing to do so. However, in these uncertain times post-9/11, a national disaster, pandemic, or act of terror could render us both unable to host a planned event and unable to return your deposits. We hire staff, purchase equipment, and rent non-refundable facilities based on your reservations. Please be advised that if an STS event is cancelled due to such extraordinary circumstances, we cannot refund the \$70 registration fee regardless of other published cancellation dates and deadlines.

## WHAT ABOUT SNOW

As you know, the conferences will be held in resort cities in the Smoky Mountain regions. As such, snow is not unusual for these areas. **The conference will only be cancelled in the unlikely event that the roads inside Pigeon Forge are closed for the entire three days of the conference.** If an event is hosted as scheduled and your group cancels or reduces numbers due to weather conditions, all payments are non-refundable. If we are unable to host an event due to weather conditions, the \$70 registration fee cannot be refunded. Refunds of final balance payments will be made only if properties and/or locations refund STS for these costs. For your peace of mind, please know we have never had to cancel an event due to snow.

## VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Upon check-in, some rooms may not be ready to be occupied until after registration. The cities of Pigeon Forge have tourists year-round; therefore, the housekeeping personnel may be behind schedule. Most hotels allow check-in between 3-4 PM.
2. All schedules are tentative. Be assured that your arrival and departure times will not alter. However, everything else is subject to change. A detailed schedule will be sent before the conference.
3. Concerning hotel rooms: Every room consisting of four persons or less will have sleeping accommodations. **This may include a rollaway bed.** Please consider this when making your room assignments. As of 2019 most hotels are not allowing rooms with five people. If you need to accommodate a room with five people, please contact our office and we will see if the hotel allows this. Finally, please call if we can help you in any other way.
4. At STS all seating is assigned. While we understand last minute changes happen please know there is a possibility that your group could be separated with any last minute additions.

## RULES AND STUFF

1. No group or persons will be allowed on the grounds without first registering with the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference.
2. After check-in, NO STUDENT will be allowed to leave the conference without his/her church group, except with a written excuse from one of the directors of the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference.
3. No one will be allowed to visit, call upon, or rest in a room that is housing a member of the opposite sex.
4. There will be a schedule given with which attendees will comply. Exceptions will be made only when there is written permission from the staff of the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference.
5. All participants will attend every service of the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference. During optional activities, their own church counselor should supervise each student.
6. Each student will display Christian behavior to the finest point. We must all remember that we are His witnesses in everything we do.
7. Everyone will be expected to be in his/her own room **no later than** twenty minutes following the last scheduled activity. There will be security guards to ensure the enforcement of this policy. No one is expected to leave his/her room until reasonable hours of the morning except in the case of an emergency.
8. Any damage done to the hotel or conference equipment will be paid by the individual responsible for the damage.
9. Anyone not complying with these, and other rules will be subject to dismissal from the conference. Any expenses will be paid by the individual's family; legal action will be pursued if necessary.

It is not our purpose to hinder your group's experience. We ask that you review and explain these rules to your students. Understand that these guidelines are designed for the safety of the spiritual atmosphere of the conference.



## WHAT ABOUT

Although the intent of this manual is to answer every question you might have, we could have left out some information important to you. If so, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be glad to answer any question you may have.

**STS Conferences**  
PO Box 59405 Birmingham, AL 35259  
800.869.8738

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Instagram: strengthtostand

# MVP:MINISTRY VALUE PROGRAM

Upon registering a group to attend any STS -sponsored event, you will be immediately enrolled into the STS M.V.P. program. This will allow you to earn points through your registered attendees toward an incredible overabundance of rewards and gifts ranging from travel, entertainment, and shopping to materials for your own Youth Program. Continue bringing groups to STS events and you will quickly increase your points, thus providing great opportunities to earn these rewards.

## INCENTIVES

Points stay with the youth minister! (If you happen to change churches or move, your points will stay with you!)

You'll earn at least 1 point for every member of your group that attends our event! (Chaperones included!)

STS M.V.P. points will never expire as long as you attend an STS event every three years!

There's no limit to the number of M.V.P. points you can earn!

## WHAT KIND OF REWARDS?

You may choose to "cash in" your points at any time once you have attained the stated requirement. Look at some of the sample STS M.V.P. Rewards!

### 100 POINTS

\$50 gift card to restaurant or gas station  
\$50.00 discount to STS event  
Curriculum for Youth Ministry

### 200 POINTS

\$100 Gift card to a restaurant, gas station or home improvement store  
100 "DISNEY DOLLARS"  
1 FREE registration to STS Event

### 400 POINTS

Beats by Dr Dre wireless headphones  
Amazon Echo

### 500 POINTS

2 Tickets to a show on Broadway, NYC  
\$250 package to spa  
\$250 discount to STS Event  
\$250 gift card to Lifeway

### 800 POINTS

Apple Watch

### 900 POINTS:

Drone with camera

### 1,000 POINTS

Big Bertha Driver  
iPad Mini

Strength to Stand Bible Conferences, from day one, was built to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by advancing the Kingdom. Constantly striving to stay on the cutting-edge of youth ministry, we have developed a program that ultimately provides students with the opportunity to hear and be challenged by the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The MVP program strives for three main goals:

1. To enhance attendance at our STS sponsored events, thus providing the opportunity to enrich the lives of more students.
2. To assist in the strains of budget that many youth ministers face, therefore serving those that serve us.
3. To assert our influence into youth ministries across the country through resources and programs to reach our goal - Advancing the Kingdom.

# WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"STS does a fantastic job of executing a phenomenal event. Everything from pre-registration for the event, to communication prior to arrival, check-in at the conference center, and the actual events themselves are top notch. Groups have the freedom to arrive and be ready to hear from God instead of sweating the details."

"I haven't found a conference yet that stands up to Strength to Stand. It is also amazing to get what we do for a great price."

"I've been coming to STS since I was a youth. I've brought a group almost every year since I became a youth pastor (in 1999). This conference helped change my life and I see it changing my students' lives every year. Thank you for what you do."

"We travel about 400 miles each way to get to the conference, 8 or so hours in the van is not the most fun time. I have been asked why we travel all the way to Pigeon Forge from Indiana each year. I always have the same answer, Strength to Stand bears fruit every year. This year was no different. I know that I can commit to come and there will be quality speakers who accurately and honestly preach the word."

One of our **adults** decided to follow Jesus for the first time and a student rededicated her life.

"Thank you to STS for providing our group with an opportunity to hear such incredible speakers, worship leaders and bands. Each component of the conference led us into deeper moments of reflection and conversation that allowed our leaders to connect with students in a way that seems impossible when we are back home in the midst of our daily lives. As the leader of our group, I can't tell you how grateful that I am to know that STS exists. STS gives me the opportunity to relax and enjoy the weekend with my students because I know I can trust that the Speakers, Worship Leaders, and Bands and that they are going to lead our students and adults into a closer relationship with God."

My son got saved at STS 4 years ago and he led 2 friends to Christ this weekend!

We love your team! Thank you so much for being faithful to Kingdom work. I have been to a lot of conferences, but I don't think I have ever worked with a group that is so committed to making sure the groups coming have a voice. I have only had one complaint over the last 4 years, and you not only listened to my complaint, but you corrected the situation. Not to mention how you handled COVID! You are true rockstars! We are praying for you!