

June 17th - 20th 2024

The "Give Back" Meeting

Mt. Powell Baptist Church & Christian School 121 Mt. Powell Road, Smith Lake, NM. 87365

MEETING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PACKET





Introduction:

Ms. Patti and I are very excited to invite you to join us at the "Give Back" meeting on June $17^{th} - 20^{th}$, 2024. Our host church for the event is the Mt. Powell Baptist Church in Navajo Nation, NM. Sheridan Saunders, a current TBDI student, is the pastor.

Our home church pastor, Dr. David Peacock, Bible Believers Baptist Church Jacksonville, Florida, will join us and preach each night.

We are praying and will continue to pray that God meets all the needs of the meeting as we work in conjunction with the folks of Mt. Powell Baptist church to prepare for those traveling from out of state to this most beautiful part of the country. Our mission greatly desires to relieve the host church and its people of as much expense as possible so they can focus their efforts on bringing local people in from the community rather than worrying about the financial cost that goes into such a large gathering.

For instance, we will be meeting in a metal building next to the church. This building has a badly dilapidated plywood floor that needs to be replaced with concrete for the meeting. It's just one of many items on our "to-do" list that must be checked off to receive guests.

Let me add that for those of you who may be on the fence about making the trip, I'd like you to be encouraged; now is the <u>right time to join us!!!!</u> "Now" is the time to recognize the importance of trying to do something for the Lord while you are able. (I Tim. 4:12)

- While you physically can.
- While you financially can.
- While God provides an opportunity to do so. (An open door to serve)
 (Matt.7:7)

Location:

• Where is Mt. Powell Baptist Church? Mt. Powell Baptist Church & Christian School is at **121 Mt. Powell Road, Smith Lake, NM. 87365**



- Coming from Albuquerque, NM, on I40 westbound, use exit #53 to the right, Thoreau, NM. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and cross over the RR tracks. You are now in the Navajo Nation. Continue through the town of Thoreau, traveling north on St. Rt. 371. You will travel up the road about 10 miles and then look to your left for Mt. Powell Baptist Church's sign. Turn left onto Mt. Powell Road.
 - Once you turn LEFT onto Mt. Powell Road, you will begin an ascent up an unpaved road that, in some places, is extremely rough. Take your time.
 - You may also have to watch out for sheep or wild horses on the road.

Travel/Transportation:

- THE ALBUQUERQUE SUNPORT (ABQ): 2200 Sunport Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87106
- Car or Van rental is available at the Airport.: Dollar, Thrifty, Avis, Hertz, etc.

Accommodations:

- Hotel Listings are for Grants, NM only.
 - *There are no "package deals," but if you tell the hotel why you are in town, they may give you a break on the per-night price.
 - **I have no endorsement or suggestion for the following hotels or campgrounds. I recommend reading each online review and calling ahead to ask any questions.

We hope that in the future, we can build some bunkhouses and a shower house that would accommodate children for summer youth camps and folks who attend meetings.

These listings are in no particular order.

- Best Western Grants Inn: 1551 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 287-7777
- SureStay by Best Western: 1608 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 287-7000
- Days Inn by Wyndham Grants: 1504 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 240-6518
- Quality Inn & Suites Grants: 1496 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 240-6239
- Super 8 by Wyndham Grants: 1604 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 240-6575
- Motel 6 Grants: 1505 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 285-4607
- Sands Motel: 112 McArthur St, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 287-2997
- Southwest Motel: 1000 E Santa Fe Ave, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 287-2935

Campgrounds

- Bar S Ranch RV Park: 1860 Pinon Dr, Milan, NM 87021 (505) 876-6002
- Grants KOA Journey: 26 Cibola Sands Loop, Grants, NM 87020 (505) 287-4376

Food:

- **Breakfast and lunch:** You're on your own. There are several fast-food-style restaurants in Grants, as well as some "interesting" local establishments. There is also a grocery store and a Wal-Mart, so you shouldn't go hungry!
- **Dinner:** We plan to serve dinner each night at the church. The folks at Mt. Powell Baptist Church will prepare the food. (*It's crucial that you let us know if you're coming to the meeting or if you'll be canceling after registering. We want to provide enough food for everyone.)*

Travel Advisories:

- **Altitude**: the elevation in Grants, NM, is 6,460 feet. (By comparison, Denver Co. is 5,280 feet) **Stay hydrated!!**
- **Dry Climate:** Bring lotion; expect your sinuses to dry out if you don't moisten them.
- **Bring Sunscreen:** Also, you may need a hat during the day. (While it can be hot in the day, in the 80s, at night, it could dip into the 40s. Be prepared for the shift.
- **Snakes & Dogs:** Be mindful that even up close to the church, or hotels, or restaurants, or just about anywhere, you could run across rattlesnakes. **JUST BE CAREFUL**.
 - o Be aware of dogs. Remind the kids to be cautious of all dogs. (We have never had a problem with dogs, but you must be mindful of them.)
- **Please be courteous:** Always respect the resident's privacy and customs. Please respect Navajo culture by leaving Navajo sacred sites undisturbed. What might look like a great "Photo Op" could be perceived as disrespectful for you to climb up on or pose in front of. Just use some wisdom, and you'll be fine.

What you need to bring:

- A humble Spirit: (1Peter 5:6) "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"
- A revived heart: (Isaiah 57:15) "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a

contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

A willingness to "give back" of the gifts God has given you.

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o Time: (Col.4:5) / (Rom. 13:11)
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Talent: (I Cor. 12:4-10)

Testimony: (II Tim. 1:8) / (Ps. 71:15-18)

Registration:

- Please respond with an email by May 1st, 2024. <u>This is not a deadline</u>; it is simply a way for us to get a head count for food.
- Contact me at <u>daveyocom1611@gmail.com</u> or (937) 313-2150 to register for the meeting. Please include your
 - o Name.
 - Contact information.
 - Name of your church/pastor/location.
 - How many are planning to travel with you.

In Closing:

Just imagine this: someone is being comforted under a shade tree today because someone cared enough to plant and nurture that tree years ago. (Jerimiah 17:8)

Our investments in God's word today will benefit someone long after we are gone, but the benefits of our investment for the Lord will roll on through eternity!" "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." – (1 Corinthians 3:12-13)

I hope you will recognize this **opportunity** (the open door) God has given us and take advantage of it! This meeting shouldn't simply be defined as a time to gather, fellowship, and be revived, although we pray that's the case. But I also pray that you may recognize this meeting as your call to action. (Col.3:2)

It's our continued prayer you will hear God's calling and that you will come and join us for the "**Give Back**" meeting. And that you will use your time with us to look around, see the marvelous things the Lord has already done here, and have a vision for what more can be done to help reach the people living on this most beautiful and vast land. We want God to reveal to you what part you can play in this mission, and in the end, we want God to be praised, pleased and honored in all our efforts for Him.

This trip won't be easy, free of sacrifice, suffering, or struggle. But what worthwhile task is?

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." (II Cor. 4)

Many of you have been asking about an "opportunity" to come and see what the Lord is doing here, and now, God has opened the door and given you that chance!

Now is the time to make plans!!!

When you wait for the right time, you'll never know when it's too late. (Prov. 20:4)

I know that without you, the local, independent Bible-believing Baptist church, and God's faithful, we can't go any further in our work to serve Him. And we look forward to seeing you in June!! And joining us in our mission to help bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Navajo Nation.

We love you, folks, and we pray daily for you.

God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

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