

# **THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

## Press/Media Information

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Though the Southern Baptist Convention is a private religious gathering, it is chronicled for news and historical purposes. Messengers and guests are advised that members of the media are present. All media representatives—news reporters, photojournalists, and broadcast journalists—are expected to be open about their intentions and to abide by policies designed to protect messengers and guests from inappropriate or unwanted contact. This includes clearly identifying themselves as a member of the media.

Media representatives who interact with Convention attendees for news purposes—including media representatives registered as messengers—must be properly credentialed through the SBC Press Room and clearly identified with a media credentials badge at all times. Bloggers and those engaged in other social media platforms who solicit quotes from messengers and guests should also register for credentialing. Persons representing outside interest groups are not permitted to distribute material or engage messengers for interview purposes inside the convention center.

Videographers and photographers are permitted to photograph in the convention center, but may not approach individual messengers in the convention hall during presentations or business sessions; nor are they permitted to focus on an individual attendee without the attendee's awareness and permission.

Attendees are free to accept or decline if reporters or other media representatives request comments or opinions or ask to take individual camera shots. Messengers or guests who grant permission are responsible for their own actions and statements.

Should any messenger or guest deem any media activity unacceptable, a report identifying the offending party should be made to the Convention press representative at 615-782-8611. Should any individual representing an outside interest group prove disruptive or in violation of this policy, a report identifying the offending party should be made to the Convention office at 615-782-8612.