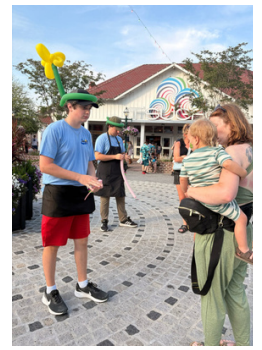




# Resort Ministry

Resort Ministry is more than just the beach, green, and ski slope!



Maybe it's a city park, a festival, a county lake, a local campground, or a weekend flea market. Or it could be a world-renowned destination ski area, theme park, ocean beach resort, historic site, national park, a commercial attraction, or special event. These places are in your community and provide opportunity for sharing the love of Jesus.

**The Association of Resort and Leisure Ministers invites you to the 2026 conference where we will discover through fun and engaging experiences a balanced and Biblical view of work, play, and rest.**

**Creative ministries have developed in**  
*amazing places*  
**because of the willingness of people to**  
*invest*  
**themselves for Christ's sake in resort and leisure settings!**

Kevin Gushiken (author of [A Theology of Play](#)) will discuss play as a way of seeing God in our lives. Together we will explore:

- **Identity & Joy:** Highlights how being grounded in God's good creation gives humans the freedom to play and experience pleasure.
- **Connection to Sabbath:** Frames play as a rhythm of rest and spiritual formation rather than a distraction from work.
- **Removing Barriers:** Helps believers overcome guilt, shame, and past hurts so they can enjoy the present.
- **Play in Pain:** Offers guidance on how to find glimpses of joy and play even during seasons of difficulty.

# 2026

## BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

### OCTOBER 26-28

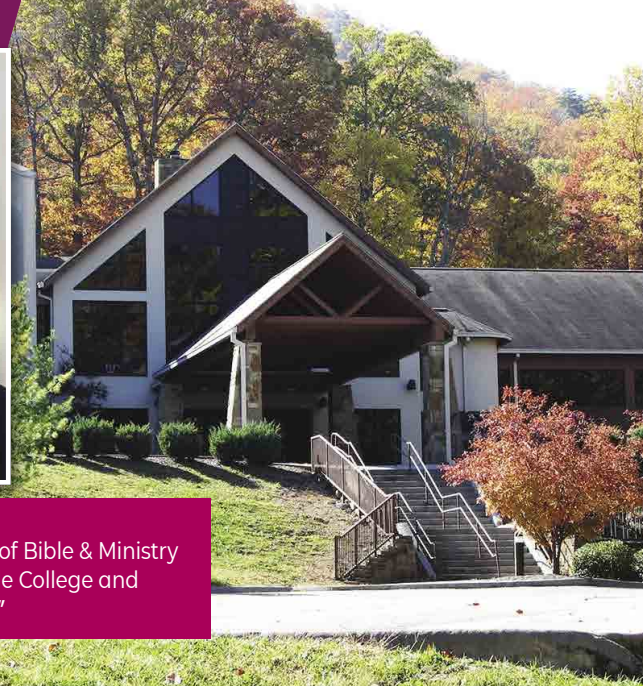
### CARSON SPRINGS

BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER  
1120 Carson Springs Road • Newport, TN



#### Keynote Speaker:

Kevin Gushiken, Dean, School of Bible & Ministry  
and Director at Lancaster Bible College and  
author of "A Theology of Play"



ARLM exists to encourage and celebrate the revelation of God's presence in resort and leisure settings. Together we promote best practice and professional standards through the sharing of ideas and resources as we seek to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to those who live, work, and play in leisure-lifestyle settings.

## Lodging

Hotel style rooms are **single bed**, located in the conference center building and will accommodate 1 to 2 people per room. Bunk rooms are located in lodge-style building having 2 to 4 beds with common shower and restroom per room.

#### CONFERENCE PER-PERSON COST\*

|                         | 2 nights     | 3 nights     |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Bunk</b>             | <b>\$95</b>  | <b>\$140</b> |
| <b>Hotel (2 person)</b> | <b>\$135</b> | <b>\$190</b> |
| <b>Hotel (1 person)</b> | <b>\$195</b> | <b>\$260</b> |
| <b>Non-lodging</b>      | <b>\$85</b>  | <b>\$115</b> |

\*All meals and activities  
included in registration

#### Monday, October 26

5:00pm ..... dinner  
6:30pm ..... keynote speaker

#### Tuesday, Oct 27

8:00am ..... breakfast  
9:00am ..... sessions with keynote  
and breakouts  
12:00pm ..... lunch  
1:00pm ..... play at Dollywood  
7:00pm ..... dinner at HeartSong Resort and  
guest speaker from Dollywood's  
Executive Leadership

#### Wednesday, Oct 28

8:00am ..... breakfast  
9:00am ..... session with keynote  
and breakouts  
12:00pm ..... lunch  
2:00pm ..... putt-putt tournament  
6:00pm ..... fireside dinner/dessert

#### Thursday, Oct 29

11:00am ..... departure (no meal)

## Registration information:

- Scan the QR code to register.
- Contact Joey Buck at [jbuck@dollywood.com](mailto:jbuck@dollywood.com) with any questions.
- Visit [www.sevbaptist.org/arlm](http://www.sevbaptist.org/arlm) for exciting details and to register.



[arlm.org](http://arlm.org)