First Baptist Church

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The Family of First Baptist Church is looking forward to serving as your host for the State Messenger Meeting in July. The members are busy with planning and chores for hosting their first Association Meeting and are making special preparations for your comfort and needs.

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express in Silver Springs @ \$159.00 per night. Ask for the "Baptist Association" rate. The block and price will end on June 1st. We only recommend this hotel in Silver Springs. Please consider your safety and health before booking at any other hotel in the immediate area. There are a lot of good hotels in Ocala and especially near I-75.

Food and Dining: The church will provide donuts and danish with coffee and juice on Wednesday and Thursday morning. The church will also provide dinner on Wednesday prior to the evening service. There is a multitude of options close to the church for your dining or fast-food choices. A map with restaurants will be available at the meeting.

Nursey: A staffed Nursey will be open during the evening services and will be staffed during the other sessions as personal is available. The nursey will only be open for small children from newborn to age 2. All services will be streamed live into the Nursey.

Attractions:

- 1 Silver Springs State Park is open, and the cost is only a State Park Fee. The glass bottom boats continue to offer rides in the spring for a separate fee of \$15.00. Silver River State Park is just down SR-35, and it offers a historical museum.
- 2 Fort King is a recreation of the original Fort that once stood on the property during the Seminole Indian War and is open on Friday & Saturday.
- 3 The Canyons, which offers Zip-lines, horseback riding and canoeing is located on Old Gainesville Road just north of SR-326.
- 4 The World Equestrian Center located on NW 80th Avenue just south of US-27 is a two square mile complex that is state of the art. We are attempting to arrange a tour on Wednesday afternoon. Well worth your time.
- 5 There are various other venues which offer a variety of entertainment, especially for the youth.

Sincerely,

Wayne Hunter, Pastor