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DEC 28-30, 2020 // JAN 16-18, 2021

T H E M E

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecc. 3:1).

When will it be my time? This is a question we are taught to ask from a very young age, and most of us struggle with it throughout our lives. But what if we have the question all wrong? At Strength to Stand Conference, we want to take a deeper look into what Ecclesiastes means when it says that there is a time and season for everything. The time is now and we are in a season of personal revival and renewal!

As we address the differences between *chronos* and *kairos*, we will be directly applying it to what students and leaders can do NOW. No more waiting and wasting time. Our prayer for conference is that it sparks urgency in those attending. Not only do we want to see people come to know Christ and experience revival, but we are committed to seeing renewal among those who have simply become lazy in their walk. We truly believe that this conference season will be a time of change, and that our world will be greatly impacted by those who leave.

D E C E M B E R

The 30th annual Strength to Stand Bible Conference December in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee is scheduled for December 28-30, 2020. 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, Jonathan Evans, Ed Newton, and Dino Rizzo. You will experience amazing concerts by Social Club Misfits and Rend Collective. And, to top it all off, your students will experience powerful worship led by FRVR Free.

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 of 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 2020 STSBC December are:

- All Seasons Suites
- Comfort Inn Dollywood Lane
- Creekstone Inn
- Music Road Hotel
- Music Road Inn
- Quality Inn and Suites Dollywood Lane
- Quality Inn Pigeon Forge (formerly Shular Inn)
- River Bend Inn
- The Lodge at Five Oaks
- Willowbrook Lodge

J A N U A R Y

The 27th annual Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference January is scheduled for January 16-18, 2021, 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, Levi Lusko, David Nasser, and Ben Stuart. You will experience amazing concerts by Tauren Wells and for KING & COUNTRY! To top it all off, your students will participate in worship led by Rush of Fools!

The conference will be divided into two groups, Alpha and Omega. We are using two individual schedules in order 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 of 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 2021 STSBC January are:

- All Season Suites
- 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
- EconoLodge Riverside
- Fairfield Inn and Suites
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Sevierville
- LaQuinta Inn and Suites Pigeon Forge
- Main Stay Suites
- Quality Inn Pigeon Forge (formerly Shular Inn)
- Ramada Inn North
- River Bend Inn
- River Lodge at Wilderness at the Smokies
- Riverstone Resort and Spa
- Spring Hill Suites Pigeon Forge
- The Inn at Christmas Place
- The Lodge at Five Oaks
- The Summit at Country Cascades
- Wilderness Lodge at the Smokies
- Willowbrook Lodge

PERSONALITIES



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.



JONATHAN EVANS, *Speaker* - Jonathan Evans, a mentor, author, speaker and former NFL fullback treasures his relationship with Christ along with the opportunity to use his life to glorify God. Jonathan seeks to impact today's athletes, men and young adults by equipping and encouraging them in their faith. Jonathan serves with his pastor, friend and father, Dr. Tony Evans, both in the local church and the national ministry. They also teamed up together to write *Get in the Game*, a practical guidebook filled with sports analogies and spiritual truths aimed at strengthening readers with the skills they need for living victoriously. Jonathan serves as the chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys, studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, mentors' youth in his home church, and leads young adults around the country through a variety of ways. He is committed to developing the next generation of devoted Christian leaders. Jonathan and his wife Kanika are the proud parents of four kids. They reside in Dallas, Texas.



ED NEWTON, *Speaker* - Ed Newton was raised in a deaf world. The only child of two deaf parents, Ed was the voice in the silence for his parents. Through difficult circumstances and major hardships Ed was radically saved in high school. God began to show forth His sovereign will in leading Ed to Clearwater Christian College to gain a Bible education. Ed continued his education journey by receiving a Masters in Religious Education from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Trinity Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Pulpit Communication and Expository Preaching from Trinity Theological Seminary. Prior to surrendering to a call to a faith-based itinerant evangelism ministry, Ed has served the local church in multiple positions such as Youth Minister, Recreation Pastor, and other positions in the church. Currently, Ed serves as the Lead Pastor at Community Bible Church in San Antonio. He and his wife, Stephanie, and their four children reside in San Antonio.



DINO RIZZO, *Speaker* – Dino Rizzo serves as the Executive Director of ARC (Association of Related Churches), and organization he co-founded which has planted hundreds of churches across the country. He is the author of the book *Servolution*, and he serves as an Associate Pastor at Church of the Highlands in Birmingham. Dino and DeLynn have three incredible children.



FRVR FREE, *Worship Leaders* – FRVR FREE is a nonprofit company that creates free, large-scale events for students. When we create events, our goal is to unify communities of students with the message that when we're united, we're unstoppable – and when students UNITE under the freedom of Jesus, the possibilities are endless. This affords us the opportunity to link arms with one another not as rivals, but as teammates with the same goal of sharing the best story ever told – because that's what it means to be FRVR FREE.



SOCIAL CLUB MISFITS, *Concert* – People often talk about the future of hip-hop music like it isn't right now. As if the future were some far off paint splotch occupying our collective imagination. On the contrary, the future is now, and some aren't afraid to take it where it's going. Comprised of Marty and Fern, Social Club is the after-effect of two distinctive personalities meshing to create an invigorating sound. With a host of projects and EP's under their proverbial belt, including the Billboard-charting full lengths Misfits 2 and US, Social Club has made a sport of pushing boundaries and redefining the possibilities of what faith-based music can accomplish. From headlining sold out tours across the country to spawning imitators the world over, it's clear the duo has struck a chord with listeners from all walks of life. They have bypassed perceived gatekeepers in favor of carving their own lane and fueling their purpose. While some are content with moving wherever the current leads, Social Club has embraced their calling as leaders of a more intentional school of thought.



REND COLLECTIVE, *Concert* – Amidst so much heaviness consuming events of today's world, Rend Collective is sharing good news as a response to that brokenness. The Ireland-hailing Rend Collective is harkening back to their roots-y, unique sound - originally birthed out of Bangor, Ireland – for their sixth studio album, Good News. Taking on the moniker "Purveyors of Good News," Rend Collective is barreling down the road of authenticity, and simple old-fashioned Gospel. Grown away from industry or formula, each song from Good News is deeply connected to the band's roots in missional community - a group of people, or extended family, who are united through Christian community around a common service and witness to a particular neighborhood or network of relationships – much like the band themselves. Good News is marked with joy and celebration from beginning to end, but it doesn't shy away from hardship. Each of the 15 tracks on the album speak to the struggle we all experience in light of the good news we've been invited to share in. This album is an invitation to all of us—to lament, to remember, and to share in the good news that belongs to all of us.



LEVI LUSKO, *Speaker* - Levi Lusko is the author of the bestselling books *Through the Eyes of a Lion* and *Swipe Right*. He is also the lead pastor of Fresh Life Church – a multisite church located in Montana, Utah, Oregon, and Wyoming that he and his wife Jennie pioneered in 2007. Levi travels around the world speaking about Jesus. He takes pleasure in small things, such as black coffee, new shoes, fast Internet, and falling asleep in the sun. He and his wife have one son: Lennox, and four daughters: Alivia, Daisy, Clover, and Lenya, who is in heaven. His new book *I Declare War*, is now available.



DAVID NASSER, *Speaker* – For over 30 years, David Nasser Outreach has proclaimed the redemptive message of the gospel through relevant, biblically grounded methods of teaching, writing and consulting. David and Jennifer have been married for 25 years. Together they have raised their daughter, Grace and their son, Rudy, who happily married Rachel in the Summer of 2018. The Nassers’ call the Blue Ridge Mountains of Lynchburg, Virginia home, where David serves as Campus Pastor and Senior Vice President of Spiritual Development at Liberty University.



BEN STUART, *Speaker* – Ben Stuart is the pastor of Passion City Church, Washington D.C. Prior to joining Passion City Church, Ben served for eleven years as the executive director of Breakaway Ministries, a weekly Bible study attended by thousands of college students on the campus of Texas A&M. Ben earned a master’s degree in historical theology from Dallas Theological Seminary. Ben and his wife, Donna, live to inspire and equip people to walk with God for a lifetime. They live in the District with their three kids, Hannah, Sparrow, and Owen.



RUSH OF FOOLS, *Worship Leaders* – Having traveled the world for over a decade, Rush of Fools remains as passionate as ever when it comes to worship and making much of Jesus. Whether it be for a conference, summer camp, or a one-night event, the desire is the same in every context: to celebrate the greatness of our God. It is an honor for this worship band to have friends, new and lasting, that have trusted them to serve and lead out their gatherings year after year.



TAUREN WELLS, *Concert* – Four-time Grammy® award-nominated Tauren Wells debuted his solo music in 2017 with the dance-able pop hit, “Love is Action”, which held the number 1 spot at CHR radio for eight weeks and the hard-hitting “Undefeated” featuring rapper KB. Those hits were then followed by the Grammy-nominated “Hills and Valleys”, the piano and cello-driven thought-provoking track that quickly climbed the radio and sales charts and jumped to the Top 10 at the Christian Airplay radio chart for multiple weeks. The following single, “When We Pray” also hit the Top 10 at Christian Radio. Tauren Wells is the former frontman of Grammy® Award-nominated band Royal Tailor, father, songwriter, worship academy founder, multi-instrumentalist, and performer, and his deep desire to draw people closer to their identity in the Lord is apparent in all he pursues.



for KING & COUNTRY, *Concert* - Two-time GRAMMY award-winning duo for KING & COUNTRY makes a powerful statement with their much-anticipated third album, *Burn the Ships*, an epic, sweeping musical landscape that explores themes of new beginnings, forgiveness, hope, and love. The album’s soaring debut and GRAMMY® nominated single, “joy,” which features a 100-person choir and a hypnotic wave of rhythm and electronic sounds, hit No. 1 and has been streamed more than 18 million times. The lyrics cut through the cacophony of societal noise to remind us about what is important: “Oh, hear my prayer tonight. ‘Cause this is do or die. The time has come to make a choice. I choose joy.” The inspiring pop masterpiece also represents the exciting adventure into uncharted territory for brothers Joel and Luke Smallbone, who were propelled into superstardom with the release of their critically acclaimed sophomore album, *RUN WILD. LIVE FREE. LOVE STRONG.*, which debuted at No. 1 on iTunes and was certified gold. In addition to winning two GRAMMYS and four Dove Awards, the duo performed internationally on a hugely successful 60-date arena tour. They have garnered four No. 1s (“Joy,” “Priceless,” “Fix My Eyes,” and “Shoulders”), nine Top 10 hits, and had songs featured on the Emmys, Super Bowl, Sunday Night Football and many other high-profile events, including performances on *The Tonight Show*, *Today* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* But as they reveal in *Burn the Ships*, there is no looking back, no resting on their laurels. There is much more to explore and explain, especially during this time of great unrest when answers don’t seem immediately apparent.

**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 all venues*

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. 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:

BASIC HOUSING	STANDARD HOUSING	DELUXE HOUSING
4 per room.....\$129 per person	4 per room.....\$149 per person	4 per room.....\$174 per person
3 per room.....\$139 per person	3 per room.....\$159 per person	3 per room.....\$204 per person
2 per room.....\$159 per person	2 per room.....\$179 per person	2 per room.....\$244 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 (nonrefundable).

RECEIVE A \$10 PER PERSON DISCOUNT WHEN YOU ARE PAID IN FULL BY OCTOBER 14, 2020 (DEC) OR OCTOBER 26, 2020 (JAN).

Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference December registrations postmarked on or before October 14, 2020 will receive a \$10 per person discount. Any registrations postmarked after December 7, 2020 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.

Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference January registrations postmarked on or before October 26, 2020 will receive a \$10 per person discount. Registrations postmarked after December 28, 2020 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

90-365 days out	STS will offer a full refund minus the non-refundable \$50 deposit. No questions asked.
46-89 days out	STS will offer a half refund minus the non-refundable \$50 deposit.
45 days out	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 time 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 30 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

The Strength to Stand Student Bible Conferences are designed to offer a well-balanced, 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.

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.

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 are 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.
- Concessions – There are a variety of food options available at concession stands throughout the Convention Centers. Prices vary.

To see dining options for Pigeon Forge, go to the Pigeon Forge Visitor's website at mypigeonforge.com.

The Strength to Stand Conferences have no involvement 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.

At the Strength to Stand Student Bible Conferences, you will enjoy the most proven, 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.

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.

STS is now offering optional trip insurance. To see your options, go to our website – strengthtostand.com.

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.

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.

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.

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M V P : 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 is in attendance at 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. Take a look at some of the sample STS M.V.P. Rewards!

100 Points

\$50 gift card to Olive Garden 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 Even

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 in order to reach our goal - Advancing the Kingdom.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"Thanks for having a passion for sharing Christ with the young people of today! I would highly recommend Strength to Stand Conferences to other youth pastors and students."

"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'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."

"You guys do a fantastic job. We love attending your events because of the amount of prayer that you guys put into this. As a youth/worship pastor and principal in a public school, your events help me in my yearly planning. Free time for me is special and knowing that I can attend your events and know that the Gospel will be shared makes it a little easier."

"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."

"This year was the first year in 12 years that we could afford a winter retreat trip like this. Our current active students in our student ministry have become more intent, intentional, and intense with their relationship with Christ, and this retreat was that breath of fresh air amongst the darkness they wade through daily. Just being able to see students let go of the burdens of worry, stress, anxiety, fear, and so much more was revival in our midst!"