

## ***Hello from your State Youth Team***

We are so excited to be joining with the Tennessee State Youth to be a part of their State Youth Convention 2023

The convention will be held in Gatlinburg, TN on March 10th-12th, 2023 at the Park Vista Hotel.

### **The cost for the convention are as follows:**

Registration for SYC: \$100 per person. This includes a t-shirt

Hotel: \$135 (Group Rate) per room per night. (4 person occupancy) + tax (12.75% \*) This includes one meal

\*Tax can be exempt with documentation Misc: Other meals, souvenirs, fudge, etc.

So for each youth, assuming 4 paying people per room, the cost of SYC 23 is \$167.50 plus miscellaneous.

You have 2 Steps for State Youth Convention 2023 ***(Just a reminder that the dates are Friday, 3/10 - Sunday 3/12)***

1)Room Reservations

2)Register for the Convention

**The deadline to get our group rate (\$135 per room per night) is 2/13.**

You want to get your Room Reservation on or before then. After 2/13 the rate and availability can change, so do be on time please.

To make this as easy as possible, we have a contact at Park Vista, Jason Ferguson as our Group Reservations Coordinator. His number is 865-277-1039 and can be reached by email at [jferguson@parkvista.com](mailto:jferguson@parkvista.com).

Jason is who you will make your group reservations with and he can answer any questions you have about the hotel.

When you email your reservation information to Jason, please attached the completed Excel sheet I have attached. Fill out as much as you can.

This way he can load it directly into their system, reducing error when you arrive. Additionally, please CC Keith McGregor ([kmcgregor@parkvista.com](mailto:kmcgregor@parkvista.com)) and Brittany Bradley ([bbradley@parkvista.com](mailto:bbradley@parkvista.com)).

This will ensure all those that need to know at the hotel will be in the loop. Jason will contact the group leader for each Church to arrange for payment method and tax exempt documentation.

Registration:

**[TNCHOGSM.repodium.com/state-youth-convention-2023](https://TNCHOGSM.repodium.com/state-youth-convention-2023)**  
(Please copy and paste into browser)

Please follow this link to access our online Registration. Registration is \$100 per person and includes a t-shirt. Keep in mind that there is a **deadline for shirts on 2/22**. (design is above) On or before 2/22 you will get a shirt delivered to you at the Convention. After 2/22 I cannot guarantee a shirt at the Convention and one will be mailed to your group leader after 3/12.



**In summary:**

2 Steps, Registration and Room Reservation

2 Important Dates:

**1) 2/13 Must Have Room Reservations Done By This Day to Get Group Rate (\$135 per room per night)**

**2) 2/22 Must Have SYC Registration (\$100 per person) Done By This Day to get shirts at time of the Convention**

Forward this to anyone you know who is interested in going.

Lastly, as we move towards Convention, please join with me and many others in praying for God's rich presence there. We are doing all of this for His glory and preparing for Him to move in us and through us.

As always, I am here to help. Email at [shonkwiler7384@gmail.com](mailto:shonkwiler7384@gmail.com) or feel free to call/text me at 270-300-6965

Make today great!

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## Speakers and Music Information

Speakers:

Our main speaker is Chip Taylor



Chip Taylor is a captivating speaker with a contagious love for Jesus and a huge heart for young people. He is passionate about empowering leaders, caring for hurting students, and impacting the world.

Chip enjoys sports, coaching, wood working and date nights with his wife. He is a graduate of MACU and a 25-year veteran in student ministry, currently serving as the Student Pastor at McDowell Church. He is also the Director of the Intern Academy, a non-profit building a pipeline of leaders through a network of ministry internships. He is the proud father of Leah and Caleb and resides in Fountain Hills, AZ with his wife Lori.

Here is a great quote from Chip about his passion for youth *“You have to be relational with today’s youth. You have to go to their turf. Positions don’t work anymore. You have to identify each kid as they are and acknowledge them. Relationships take precedence over roles.”*

In addition to Chip’s preaching we have 3 guest speakers for the Saturday morning session. The emphasis here is application, doing ministry

**Todd and Meredith Overbeek:** They are a fantastic young couple who have spent many years in the missions field in South Africa. They are a huge inspiration for using your experiences, training, and passions for His glory.

**Kojo Abakah:** A former student of ours at Tusculum University. Kojo is originally from Africa and has a powerful testimony of the impact of shoebox donations! He is a living story of the love of God being shown and the power that love has.

**Angie Odom:** Angie has run a local ministry , THE TLC Community Center for 23 years.

**Music:**

**Nathan Cummings and his band The Collective.**



Here is the bio of the band:

"We are The Collective! What’s awesome about this ministry is everyone

can be part of it! As members of the Body of Jesus Christ, we are part of a collective of many members from His body bringing different perspectives, life experiences, yet having the opportunity to walk in this journey together for some time. Although we having the opportunity to walk in this journey together for some time. Although we got together in Nashville, we all come from different backgrounds, grew up throughout the United States, came from different denominations, and have unique stories about why Jesus Christ had to die for each of us. All of us have so much we are still learning from Jesus and how to carry our crosses daily. Our hope is for Jesus to get the glory and we are thankful He allows us to be part of that story. We cannot wait to worship with you in March Tennessee! Truly, come as you are. Read Psalm 139 and know that the Lord knows you more than you will ever know and loves you beyond anything you could imagine. Welcome to The Collective!"

**Ministry Outreach Opportunities:**

The team is busy looking for opportunities for ministry for youth groups for Saturday afternoon to provide for our youth groups. Outreach as a way to apply what they are learning at the conference. If you have any connections to the Gatlinburg area, please let me know!

