
“Baptist Heritage”

2026 IBFNA Family Conference

June 23-25

Host Church: The Baptist Church of Danbury in Brookfield, CT; Pastor Bob Payne

Register at www.ibfna.org

Conference Speakers: Jeff Bailey, Jeff Briden, James Brown, Kevin Hobi, Jerry Johnson, Ken Lawson, Mike McCubbins, Bob Payne, Vic Perry, and Mark Strangman.

Theme: Sessions will celebrate our Baptist heritage. Three messages will focus on Baptist history, including The Danbury Baptists and Thomas Jefferson, George Whitfield and the Baptists of the Great Awakening, and Isaac Backus and the Baptist pursuit of religious freedom. Other sessions will emphasize our Baptist convictions from studies in the New Testament history book of Acts.

Things to See and Do (within 75 miles of Brookfield):

- New York City, NY. There are all sorts of attractions here. As a suggestion, Staten Island Ferry is free and it comes within close proximity to the Statue of Liberty.
- Mystic, CT. This historic coastal town features the Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic Aquarium and Olde Mistick Village.
- New Haven, CT. Home to Yale University where visitors can tour the historic campus and museums such as Beinecke Rare Book Library, Yale Peabody Museum, and the Yale Center for British Art.
- Hartford, CT. The state capital of Connecticut offers several cultural attractions, including The Mark Twain House and Museum, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, the Connecticut Science Center, and the Mark Twain House & Museum.
- East Haddam, CT. At Gillette Castle State Park visitors can explore the unique, picturesque “castle” and the surrounding park grounds overlooking the Connecticut River.
- Essex, CT. Essex Steam Train & Riverboat. Embark on a scenic journey through the Connecticut River Valley on a vintage train and riverboat cruise.
- West Point, NY. Visit the West Point Military Academy and Museum.
- Fanny Crosby Birthplace and Grave Site. Fanny Crosby was born very close to Danbury at 284 Foggintown Road, Brewster, NY 10509. There is a plaque on the outside of the house identifying the house as the birthplace. You cannot tour the house. Her grave site is at Mountain Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport, Connecticut. There is a small unassuming grave stone, and a large monument added later. Buried there is also P.T. Barnum. There is also a statue of Tom Thumb.

Hotel list (organized by lesser to greater distance from the church):

- Quality Inn & Suites Danbury near University. The driving distance is 5 miles from the church. 78 Federal Rd, Danbury, CT 06810. Phone: 203-297-8150.
- Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Bethel/Danbury. The driving distance is 5 miles from the church. 80 Benedict Rd, Bethel, CT 06801. Phone: 203-748-8318.
- Best Western Danbury/Bethel. The driving distance is 5.3 miles from the church. 11 Stony Hill Rd, Bethel, CT 06801. Phone: 203-744-3200.
- La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Danbury. The driving distance is 5.7 miles from the church. 116 Newtown Rd, Danbury, CT 06810. Phone: 203-798-1200.
- Comfort Inn & Suites Danbury-Bethel. The driving distance is 6 miles from the church. 80 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT 06810. Phone: 203-792-4000.
- Courtyard by Marriott Danbury. The driving distance is 6 miles from the church. 3 Eagle Rd, Danbury, CT 06810. Phone: 203-730-2228.
- Hampton Inn Danbury. The driving distance is 6.3 miles from the church. 81 Newtown Rd, Danbury, CT 06810. Phone: 203-748-6677.
- Ethan Allen Hotel. The driving distance is 11 miles from the church. 21 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811. Phone: 203-744-1776.