



Atlanta Continues to Grow Religious Meetings Market
-- Full Baptist Church Selects Atlanta for 2007 and 2009 --

ATLANTA (Feb. 14, 2007) – Atlanta continues to grow its reputation in the religious meetings market by signing another significant piece of business. The Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International has chosen Atlanta as the location for its annual meetings in 2007 and 2009.

More than 15,000 attendees are expected to attend the six-day convention in June. The Full Gospel Fellowship is a 13-year-old network of churches that began as a movement to encourage Baptists to embrace “gifts of the spirit” such as speaking in tongues. The organization recently established roots in the city by relocating their headquarter offices to Atlanta.

“We love Atlanta,” said Bishop Morton, senior pastor of Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church in New Orleans. “We hope to attract thousands of attendees to our meetings in Atlanta.” Bishop Morton is considered one of the nation’s most popular preachers and gospel singers.

Atlanta has established itself as a leading destination for the religious meetings and conventions market. Most recently the formation of the New Baptist Convention was announced by former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. The January 2008 gathering is scheduled to draw more than 20,000 attendees from around the world.

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