

# 2020 Festival of Homiletics

## Tips for Attendees – Atlanta, GA

Welcome to the 28th Annual Festival of Homiletics. We are excited to be back in Atlanta, GA.

- Despite having a mild climate, Atlanta does experience all four seasons. The average annual temperature is 61 degrees. If you are packing your suitcase for a visit, remember to toss in a light jacket. Even though it is warm outdoors, all of our indoor attractions are air-conditioned and at times can be a bit chilly for those dressed for the heat.
- Use the [Festival of Homiletics website](#) – it is loaded with all sorts of helpful information. It has tips on things to do in Atlanta, restaurants and helpful maps of the area.
- Wear comfortable shoes – the venues are located close to one another, but you will do a fair amount of walking during the week.
- A morning break is served buffet style at each location Tuesday - Thursday. There will be plenty of food and beverages for all, there can be a bit of a rush as people leave the sanctuary.
- Lunch is on your own unless you preordered your lunches. Boxed lunches will be available each day at Peachtree Road UMC in their Fellowship Hall between noon and 1:00 PM. Otherwise check out the following link for loads of dining options in Atlanta: <http://www.atlanta.net/dining/>.
- There is a first-timers lunch hosted by Karoline Lewis taking place on Tuesday, May 19 between 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the lobbies and courtyard of the Harp Center at Peachtree Road UMC. Bring your own lunch or order a boxed lunch as part of your registration.
- Plan ahead! Use the schedules provided online and in your program to plan out your week. There is a lot going on and it will help you avoid missing your favorite speaker. Use the At-a-Glance schedules on-site and in the program to orient yourself!
- Make new friends! It may seem like everyone knows someone else, however 50% of the group is new to the conference each year. It could be the start to a beautiful friendship.
- Take a break – the week can be overwhelming. Don't feel like you need to do everything. Relax, take an evening off – [Festival recordings](#) are available for most of the lectures, workshops and sermons.
- Questions, ask at the Information Desk located at Peachtree Road UMC Tuesday – Friday. It will be staffed from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day, Friday until 11 a.m.
- No food allowed in the sanctuaries; however, you are able to bring water in.
- Relax, take it in and enjoy – that is why you came after all!