

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The information offered below is meant to help you make your travel arrangements to the Festival Gathering. Most of this information comes from the Lifeway/Ridgecrest web site, which will contain the most updated information. Ridgecrest is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, just minutes from Asheville, North Carolina.

Address:

Ridgecrest Conference Center
PO Box 128
Ridgecrest, NC 28770

***Please note: Physical address does not work in most GPS systems and mapping programs, please use the turn by turn directions provided on the web site. The GPS Coordinates of Ridgecrest are 35 degrees 37' 16.36" N. by 82 degrees 16'38.03" W.**

Driving Directions:

<http://www.lifeway.com/article/?id=163550>

Airline Travel

Asheville Regional Airport is the closest airport, and is serviced by several carriers including Continental Express, Delta Connection, Carriers ASA and COMAIR, Northwest, US Airways, and US Express. For more information, contact your local travel agent or visit <http://www.lifeway.com/common/clickthru/0,1603,Link%253D215127,00.html?X=http://www.ashevilleregionalairport.com>

Because the drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains is so beautiful, many Ridgecrest guests enjoy flying into airports in Charlotte, NC, Greensboro, NC or Knoxville, TN and driving the short remaining distance by car. This oftentimes is a more economical option as well as these larger airports generally offer discounted rates through the larger carriers such as Northwest, Delta, United, American, US Air and Continental.

Rental Car

Several car rental agencies are available at the Asheville Airport including Avis, Budget, Hertz and National.

Driving Distances From:

Atlanta, GA.....215 miles
Charleston, SC..... 275 miles
Charleston, WV.....310 miles
Charlotte, NC.....110 miles
Chattanooga, TN.....240 miles
Cincinnati, OH.....385 miles
Columbia, SC.....165 miles
Gatlinburg, TN.....100 miles
Greensboro, NC.....150 miles
Knoxville, TN.....130 miles
Lexington, KY.....300 miles
Nashville, TN.....310 miles
Raleigh-Durham, NC....235 miles

Roanoke, VA.....240 miles
Savannah, GA320 miles

To get from the airport to Ridgecrest:

Special Occasions Limousine - 828-681-2811
Black Mountain Cab Company - 828-230-1121

Those who are flying into Asheville Airport can call either Special Occasions Limousine at 828-681-2811 or Black Mountain Cab Company at 828-230-1121. Tell them your itinerary and they will coordinate transportation to put as many people as possible together in order to save you money. If you do want to save money you may have to wait for others to arrive before you are taken to Ridgecrest. **Be sure to call as soon as you make your flight arrangements.** They need time to coordinate things.

If you are flying into Charlotte, NC or Greensboro, NC call Special Occasions at 828-681-2811 and they will bring you to Ridgecrest and again they will coordinate with others to get you there as cheaply as possible. **Call them as soon as you have made your flight arrangements** to give them the most time to coordinate as many as possible in one car. Black Mountain Cab Co. does not go to any airport but Asheville.

If you prefer to email your itinerary, Special Occasions email address is speciallimo@bellsouth.net. Black Mountain Cab Co. does not have an email address.

If you choose to use Black Mountain Cab Co. or Special Occasions Limo, please tell that you are with the Network of Biblical Storytellers so they can coordinate your transportation with other Festival Gathering attendees.