

The Abide Conference 2024

The Abide Conference 2024 is The Salvation Army USA Central Territory women's conference. Abide 2024 will celebrate women and God's indwelling Spirit. The foundation of this conference is found in Jesus' words to us, that contain both a command and a promise: "Abide in me, and I will abide in you," John 15:4 (*The Voice*).

Friday night will feature the music ministry of worship leader and Christian recording artist Laura Story, who has written award-winning songs such as "Blessings" (which won a Grammy), "O Love of God" (which won a Dove Award), and Chris Tomlin's "Indescribable," (which was featured on his Dove Award-winning Album, *Arriving*). Laura is also the author of three books.

Saturday morning will offer informative workshops, featuring Becky Thompson, author of eight books, including the devotional *Midnight Mom*; The ConnectUp Prayer Experience, a bible study with Major Beth Desplancke, workshops for parenting, for single women, and more.

On Saturday afternoon we will enjoy a craft makerspace, The Abide Merchandise Mart, the ARC Shopping Bus, and other great opportunities for fun, exercise, and making great memories with your friends.

Saturday evening will feature 11 GMA Dove Award winners Selah. With more than half-a-billion streams and over 4 million albums sold, Selah delivers compelling new anthems and revives great hymns of faith. Their vocal stylings have breathed new life into timeless musical treasures that have ministered to believers all over the world.

Sunday morning worship will feature the vocal stylings of Sheena Marquis and uplifting expressions of gospel arts.

The weekend's united sessions will feature speaker Ann White, founder of Courage for Life Ministries. Ann is the author of *Courage for Life*, the story of how she walked away from a life steeped in dysfunction to a life restored in God's grace. It includes 12 lessons and seven practical steps that make up the word 'COURAGE,' the steps Ann took that completely changed her life. Together with Tyndale House Publishers she has released The Courage for Life study bible for women, with a lesson to inspire thought, discussion, and practical application on every page of the bible. Ann is also the author of the online bible study series on the gospel of John, and several other books.

We will be led with praise and worship by Sharon Irving. A South Side of Chicago Native, Sharon Irving, a multi-talented artist known as a songstress, songwriter, poet, voice over artist, worship leader, actress, and the celebrated winner of the Golden Buzzer on

Season 10 of America's Got Talent. Sharon's remarkable journey has taken her from the pulpit of her grandfather's church in Chicago to stages, prisons, NFL events, and concert halls all over the world. Her uplifting voice and inspiring messages have transcended boundaries and touched the hearts of diverse audiences. She is an inspiring 'voice for the voiceless', singing songs of life and love motivated by her personal experiences, and undergirded by her Christian beliefs. Sharon's journey is a testament to the incredible heights one can achieve with faith, talent, and unwavering determination.

The Abide Conference will be at the Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI on Oct. 11-13, 2024.

Register at uscwomensministries.com