

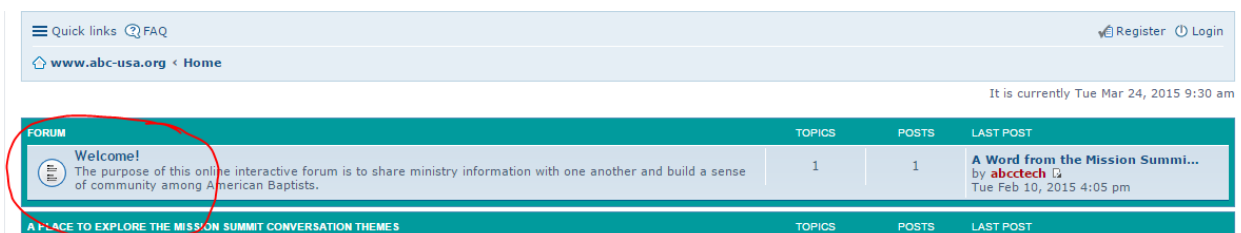
## Quick Start Guide to the American Baptist Online Interactive Forums

Around the country, American Baptists are seeking God’s guidance together in many settings including the upcoming Mission Summit. We have created an online interactive forum where we can share ministry information with one another and build a sense of community among American Baptists as we approach new and challenging ministry opportunities. This document is a brief guide designed to help you get started making your voice heard.

### How can I access the site?

Using a computer (or a smartphone or tablet) with a connection to the Internet, navigate to this site: <https://abcwiki.abc-usa.org/phpbb>

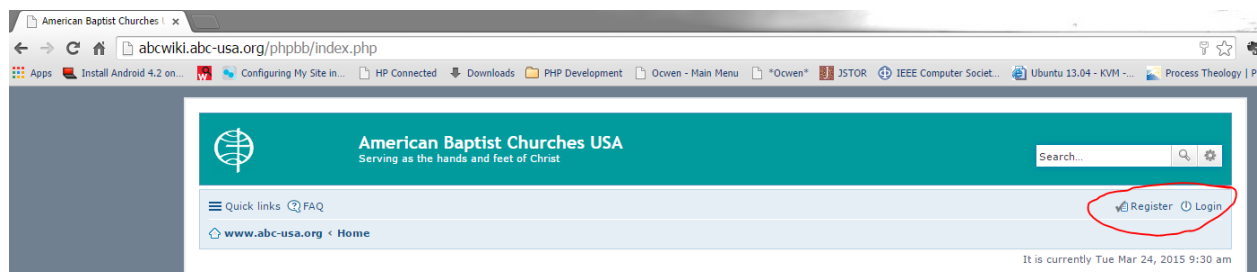
Once the homepage has loaded, please take a moment to read the welcome message from the Mission Summit Conversations Coordinator.



*Please note that we have not yet implemented a mobile version of the site, so you will see the desktop version of the site on your phone or tablet.*

### How can I contribute to the conversation?

You will be able to read the content on the site without registering as a user. However, if you want to contribute to the discussion, you will need to register with us. In the upper right hand corner of the homepage, click on the “Register” link to begin the process.



Please look over the terms of use for our site. When ready, click “I agree” to move forward with registration.

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### American Baptist Churches USA - Registration

By accessing “American Baptist Churches USA” (hereinafter “we”, “us”, “our”, “American Baptist Churches USA”, “http://abcwiki.abc-usa.org/phpbb”), you agree to be legally bound by the following terms. If you do not agree to be legally bound by all of the following terms then please do not access and/or use “American Baptist Churches USA”. We may change these at any time and we’ll do our utmost in informing you, though it would be prudent to review this regularly yourself as your continued usage of “American Baptist Churches USA” after changes mean you agree to be legally bound by these terms as they are updated and/or amended.

Our forums are powered by phpBB (hereinafter “they”, “them”, “their”, “phpBB software”, “www.phpbb.com”, “phpBB Limited”, “phpBB Teams”) which is a bulletin board solution released under the “GNU General Public License v2” (hereinafter “GPL”) and can be downloaded from www.phpbb.com. The phpBB software only facilitates internet based discussions; phpBB Limited is not responsible for what we allow and/or disallow as permissible content and/or conduct. For further information about phpBB, please see: <https://www.phpbb.com/>.

You agree not to post any abusive, obscene, vulgar, slanderous, hateful, threatening, sexually-orientated or any other material that may violate any laws be it of your country, the country where “American Baptist Churches USA” is hosted or International Law. Doing so may lead to you being immediately and permanently banned, with notification of your Internet Service Provider if deemed required by us. The IP address of all posts are recorded to aid in enforcing these conditions. You agree that “American Baptist Churches USA” have the right to remove, edit, move or close any topic at any time should we see fit. As a user you agree to any information you have entered to being stored in a database. While this information will not be disclosed to any third party without your consent, neither “American Baptist Churches USA” nor phpBB shall be held responsible for any hacking attempt that may lead to the data being compromised.

I agree to these terms  I do not agree to these terms

On the next page, you will be asked to enter a user name, your email address, and a password. Notice that you can also choose the language that you prefer for the user instructions and labels when you visit. We have installed American English, British English, Spanish (formal), French, and Portuguese. Please note that this choice will not affect the language of the postings themselves. Click the “Submit” button once you’ve entered all of the required information.

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Username:   
Length must be between 3 characters and 20 characters.

Email address:

Password:   
Must be between 6 characters and 100 characters.

Confirm password:

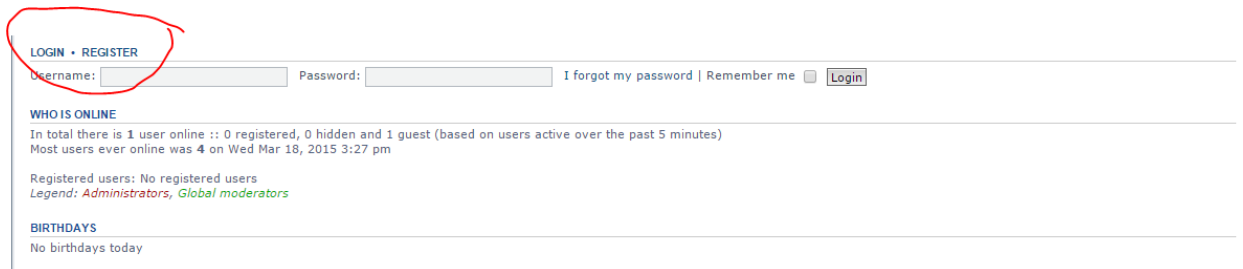
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America/New York ▼

**CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION**  
To prevent automated registrations the board requires you to enter a confirmation code. The code is displayed in the image you should see below. If you are visually impaired or cannot otherwise read this code please contact the Board Administrator.

### How do I log in the next time I visit the site?

Click on the “Login” link in the upper right hand corner of the site, and enter the user name and password that you used to register on the site. Registration and login can also be accomplished from the bottom of the homepage as pictured below.



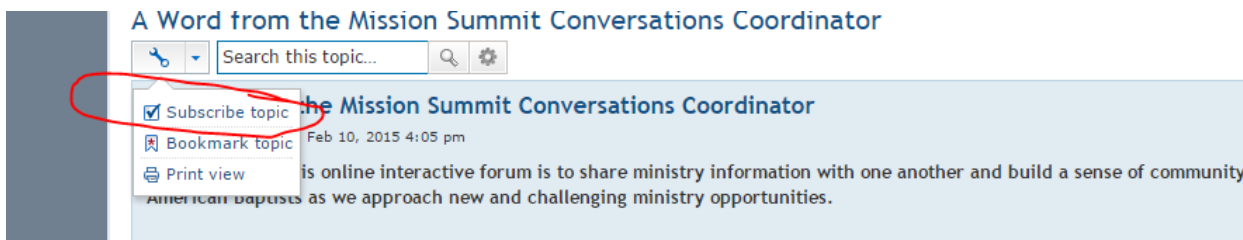
**Where can I find content for the 2015 Mission Summit Conversation?**

Under the “Welcome” message from the Coordinator, you will find a link to the 2015 Mission Summit Conversations titled “Mission Summit 2015.” Click on that link to get started. We welcome your insights and participation!

FORUM	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
<b>Welcome!</b> The purpose of this online interactive forum is to share ministry information with one another and build a sense of community among American Baptists.	1	1	<b>A Word from the Mission Summi...</b> by abcctech Tue Feb 10, 2015 4:05 pm
<b>A PLACE TO EXPLORE THE MISSION SUMMIT CONVERSATION THEMES</b>			
<b>Mission Summit 2015</b> These 21 topics will be discussed at the Biennial Mission Summit on June 27, 2015, in Overland Park, Kansas.	24	24	<b>Moderator introduction</b> by coreyf_4 Fri Mar 20, 2015 11:43 am
<b>2013 Mission Summit Conversations Topics</b> The 32 topics addressed at Mission Summit 2013 were determined from a national survey which was a part of the Transformed by the Spirit initiative. They were later discussed at the 2013 Mission Table by 92 participants from ABC regions, seminaries, and national agencies, and by the National Leadership Council in April 2014.	66	66	<b>Summary of Insights, Challeng...</b> by ABCUSA Sun Feb 15, 2015 4:07 pm
<b>A PLACE FOR CONVERSATIONS WITHIN AND BETWEEN REGIONS... JOIN AN EXISTING 'ADAPTIVE CHALLENGE TEAM' (ACT)</b>			

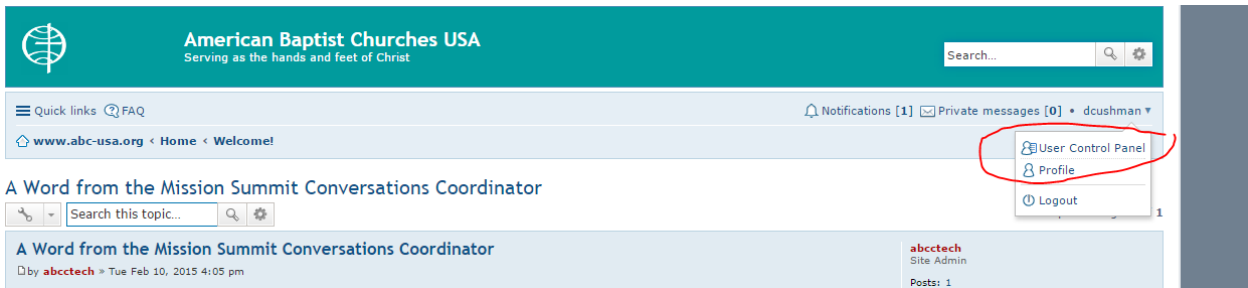
**How can I subscribe to a topic?**

Click on the title of the topic of interest. On the content page, click on the arrow next to the wrench icon. In the drop down menu, click on the “Subscribe topic” option.

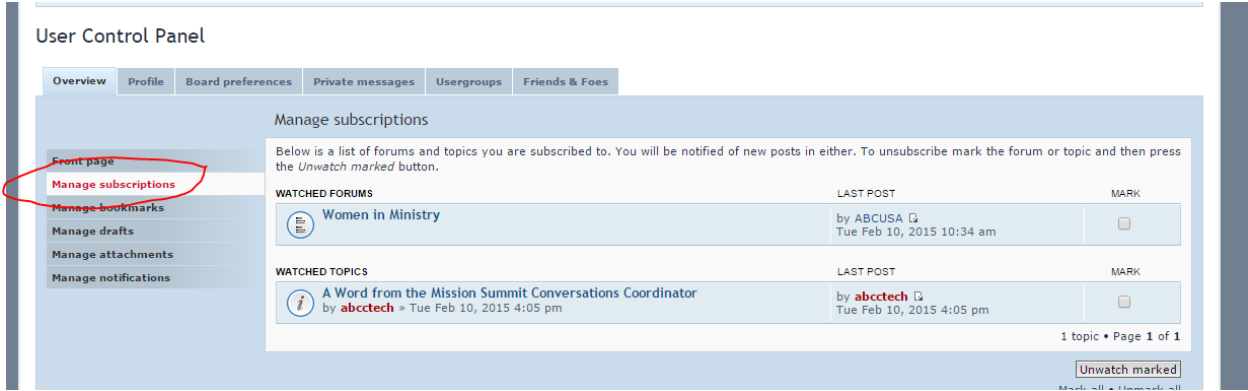


**How can I adjust my settings including my email alerts?**

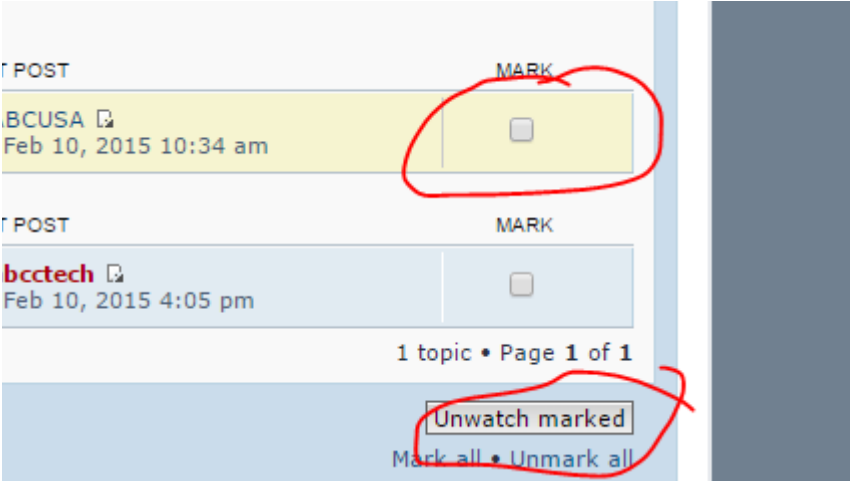
In the upper right hand corner, click on your user name. In the drop down menu, click on the “User Control Panel” option to adjust your settings.



To manage your subscriptions, click on the “Manage subscriptions” link in the menu to the left of the screen. Notice on the sample page below that the user has subscribed to two discussions. This user will receive notifications to his email whenever new content is submitted to either of these two discussions.

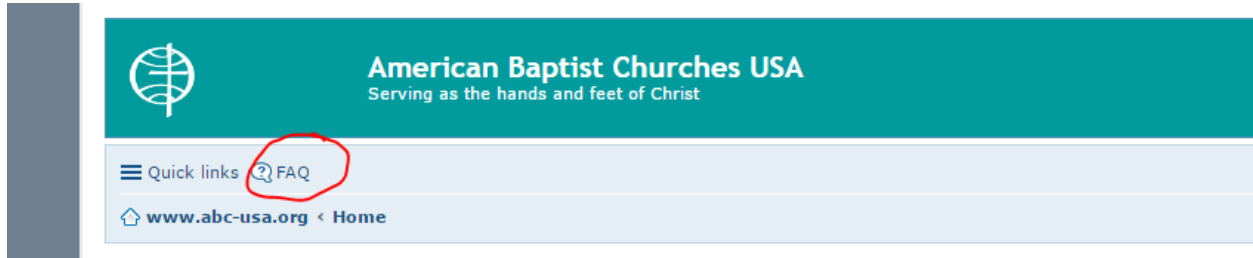


To unsubscribe, put a check in the box next to the topic you no longer wish to follow. Then click the “Unwatch marked” button at the bottom.

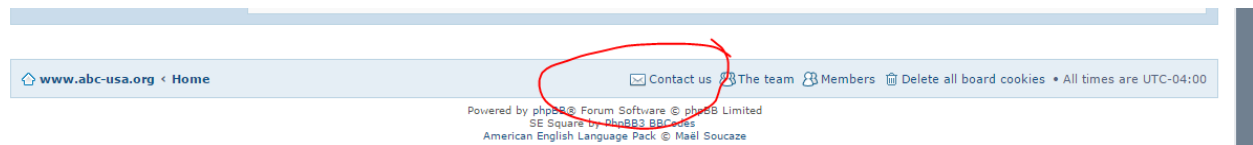


## What if I need help?

Some questions regarding the mechanics of the site are covered on the FAQ page accessible from the upper left hand corner of each page.



You can also request help by clicking on the “Contact Us” link at the bottom of each page and sending a message to the team.



We hope that you will find your participation in this effort to be an enriching experience. See you online!