



THE VIEWPOINT

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Mobilizing churches to strategically engage our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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How do we make disciples of the nations? We do so by baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, and by teaching them all of Jesus' words. Our mission is to teach people the saving words of God and to baptize them into local communities of believers – churches! – that will equip them to bring the whole of their lives into line with God's intentions for them. The thing that is so "great" about the Great Commission is that it encompasses all of the other commandments and commissions. When we teach people "everything" Christ commands, we are teaching them everything the Bible teaches. Every word of Scripture is a word of Christ.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/4f0BYBU>

Author: Daniel Akin || Baptist Press

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Open Church Positions

Churches without a pastor:

Knob Creek Baptist Church

Providence Baptist Church

Please join me in praying for our brothers & sisters in Christ as they seek a pastor to lead them.

Join a Team, Make a Difference

Our mission at the Association is to mobilize churches to strategically engage our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to do that by encouraging pastors, equipping churches, and engaging the community. This doesn't happen alone, that's why our Associational Teams are a vital part of our ministry in Sevier County.

The teams are:

Administrative Team, Discipleship Team, & Ministry/Missions Team.

These teams help guide, support, and resource our churches so we can make a greater impact together!

Please reach out to Justin to learn more & sign up to serve on one of these teams ... your voice matters!



“Which vision pattern does your church follow?”



“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus ...” — Ephesians 2:10
Vision is not measured by statements on a wall. Vision is revealed by how a church operates, evaluates ministry, and envisions the future. Over time, four patterns of church life emerge.

Read the full article at
<https://bit.ly/4f0Q1Hu>



"Staying Faithful"

Written by Justin Johnson | AMS

There is something about August that quietly shifts our perspective. Summer begins to wind down, school hallways come back to life, ministries restart, and church calendars slowly fill with familiar rhythms. Before long, planning meetings replace vacation schedules, volunteers return, and we begin looking toward another busy season of ministry.

It is easy during this time of year to think primarily about what comes next. We ask how many people will attend, which events will be successful, and what goals we hope to accomplish before the year comes to a close. While those questions certainly have their place, Scripture consistently reminds us that God is often far more interested in our faithfulness than our fascination with results.

We naturally celebrate seasons of visible growth, but much of God's work happens long before anyone notices it. Farmers understand this well. They can't rush the harvest by worrying over the field. Their responsibility is to prepare the soil, plant the seed, tend the crop, and trust that God will produce growth in His time. Ministry follows much the same pattern.

Pastors faithfully prepare sermons week after week without knowing which message may change a life. Sunday school teachers invest in children who may not fully understand today but will remember those lessons years from now.

Church members pray for neighbors, serve their communities, and share the Gospel, often without seeing immediate results. Yet none of those acts are wasted. The kingdom of God has always advanced through ordinary people who simply refused to stop being faithful.

As another ministry season begins, resist the temptation to measure success only by attendance, budgets, or visible accomplishments. Those things matter, but they were never intended to become the primary scorecard of the church. Lasting ministry is built through consistent obedience, humble service, and unwavering trust that God is working even when we cannot yet see the fruit.

Perhaps this August is an opportunity to begin again ... not by chasing something bigger, but by recommitting ourselves to what God has already placed in front of us. Love the people He has entrusted to your care. Preach His Word with conviction. Pray with expectancy. Serve with joy. Leave the results in His hands.

After all, history reminds us that God rarely asks His people to be spectacular. More often, He simply calls us to be faithful. And when His people remain faithful, He has a remarkable way of accomplishing extraordinary things through ordinary obedience.

-With you & for you,
Justin

Sevier County Baptist Association

Transaction Report

June 2026

TRANSACTION DATE	DESCRIPTION	DONOR	AMOUNT	BALANCE
4110 Church Gifts				
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06/04/2026	PAYMENT TENNESSEE BAPTIS PPD	Maples Branch	38.50	38.50
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Bethel	100.00	138.50
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Red Bank	200.00	338.50
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	New Center	50.00	388.50
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Millican Grove	550.25	938.75
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Zion Hill	152.00	1,090.75
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Paw Paw Hollow	488.85	1,579.60
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Walden's Creek	60.00	1,639.60
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Alder Branch	505.25	2,144.85
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Connect Church	100.00	2,244.85
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Second Baptist Sevierville	125.00	2,369.85
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	Shiloh	1,671.00	4,040.85
06/05/2026	Church Gifts	First Baptist Pigeon Forge	397.44	4,438.29
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Union Valley	100.00	4,538.29
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Mountain View	900.73	5,439.02
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Red Bank	200.00	5,639.02
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Henderson Chapel	130.00	5,769.02
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Calvary	25.00	5,794.02
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Oldham's Creek	208.71	6,002.73
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Zion Grove	203.00	6,205.73
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Walnut Grove	200.00	6,405.73
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Valley View	285.00	6,690.73
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Wears Valley	331.00	7,021.73
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Jones Chapel	521.55	7,543.28
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Dripping Springs	832.45	8,375.73
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	New Era	364.40	8,740.13
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Knob Creek	217.35	8,957.48
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Banner	100.00	9,057.48
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Second Baptist Sevierville	125.00	9,182.48
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Lebanon	373.00	9,555.48
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	Seymour First	810.28	10,365.76
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	French Broad Valley	300.00	10,665.76
06/19/2026	Church Gifts	First Baptist Sevierville	2,083.33	12,749.09
			\$12,749.09	
			\$12,749.09	
Total for 4110 Church Gifts			\$12,749.09	
Total for 4110 Church Gifts with sub-accounts				
TOTAL				

What are those spaces of play or leisure in your community?

Wonderfully creative ministries have developed in amazing places because of the willingness of people to invest themselves for Christ's sake in resort and leisure settings!

ARLM invites you to the 2026 conference in the Great Smoky Mountains. This conference is designed for churches and followers of Christ who desire to engage the leisure lifestyles within their communities. As people who minister in such settings, ARLM joins together every two years to enhance the effectiveness of our own ministry and to promote the understanding of leisure ministry.

Kevin Gushiken (author of *A Theology of Play*) will discuss “play” as a way of seeing God in our lives. During the conference, we will explore:

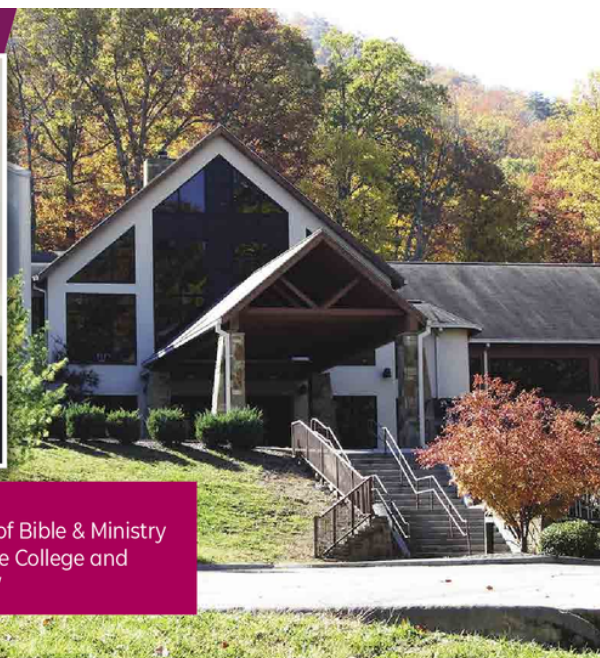
- **Identity & Joy:** Highlights how being grounded in God's good creation gives humans the freedom to play and experience pleasure.
- **Connection to Sabbath:** Frames play as a rhythm of rest and spiritual formation rather than a distraction from work.
- **Removing Barriers:** Helps believers overcome guilt, shame, and past hurts so they can enjoy the present.
- **Play in Pain:** Offers guidance on how to find glimpses of joy and play even during seasons of difficulty.

This conference will feed your spirit and create new relationships with like-minded followers of Jesus. Bring someone with you to share in the passion for this type of ministry presence. If you are unable to attend, please encourage others from your church or community to attend.



**Keynote Speaker:**

Kevin Gushiken, Dean, School of Bible & Ministry and Director at Lancaster Bible College and author of "A Theology of Play"



2026

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 26-28

CARSON SPRINGS

BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER
1120 Carson Springs Road • Newport, TN

ARLM exists to encourage and celebrate the revelation of God's presence in resort and leisure settings. Together we promote best practice and professional standards through the sharing of ideas and resources as we seek to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to those who live, work, and play in leisure-lifestyle settings.

Lodging

Hotel style rooms are **single bed**, located in the conference center building and will accommodate 1 to 2 people per room. Bunk rooms are located in lodge-style building having 2 to 4 beds with common shower and restroom per room.

CONFERENCE PER-PERSON COST*

	2 nights	3 nights
Bunk	\$95	\$140
Hotel (2 person)	\$135	\$190
Hotel (1 person)	\$195	\$260
Non-lodging	\$85	\$115

*All meals and activities included in registration

Monday, October 26

5:00pm dinner
6:30pm keynote speaker

Tuesday, Oct 27

8:00am breakfast
9:00am sessions with keynote and breakouts
12:00pm lunch
1:00pm play at Dollywood
7:00pm dinner at HeartSong Resort and guest speaker from Dollywood's Executive Leadership

Wednesday, Oct 28

8:00am breakfast
9:00am session with keynote and breakouts
12:00pm lunch
2:00pm putt-putt tournament
6:00pm fireside dinner/dessert

Thursday, Oct 29

11:00am departure (no meal)

Registration information:

- Scan the QR code to register.
- Contact Joey Buck at jbuck@dollywood.com with any questions.
- Visit www.sevbaptist.org/arlm for exciting details and to register.



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The 10-Minute Faith Talk

Small conversations at home can have a lasting spiritual impact.



3 Simple Steps:

- **Pick a Moment** – Dinner, bedtime, or the drive home works great.
- **Ask One Question** – “What stood out to you from church this week?”
- **Pray Together** – Keep it simple and natural.

Faith grows best through consistent, everyday conversations.

Praying for our Pastors

Aug. 2nd - 8th

Clay Sutton | Bradley's Chapel
Cliff Carpenter | Calvary

Aug. 9th - 15th

Anthony Kendall | Connect
Jack Huskey | Covemont

Aug. 16th - 22nd

Jimmy Miller | Dripping Springs
Bill Helton | Dupont

Aug. 23rd - 29th

Lowell Wilson | Faith Fellowship
Brent Hickman | French Broad Valley

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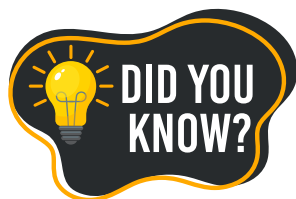
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **July 27th** - Associational Gathering
6:30pm | SCBA Office
- **August 2nd** - Send Relief Sunday
- **August 5th** - Pastor's Learning Community
10am | SCBA Office
- **August 9th** - SBC Serve Sunday
- **August 13th** - Administrative Team Meeting
6pm | SCBA Office
- **August 23rd** - Global Hunger Sunday
- **August 31st** - Associational Gathering
6:30pm | SCBA Office

-In Other News-

- Last year, 153 churches donated 6,942 backpacks for Christmas in July. Beth Moore (TBMB) and her team have set a goal of 7,000 for 2026 – a milestone that would put the cumulative total somewhere between 34,000 and 35,000 since the program launched.
- Check out this story of two men with different mindsets who crossed paths while venturing on their own faith journeys. Read more at <https://bit.ly/4pkQbx0>



Hippos really do have big bones, so big and dense, in fact, that they're barely buoyant at all. They don't swim and instead perform a slow-motion gallop on the riverbed or on the sea floor. In fact, hippos can even sleep underwater, thanks to a built-in reflex that allows them to bob up, take a breath, and sink back down without waking.



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