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**NATIONAL
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*"The effective, fervent prayer of a
righteous man avails much"*

-James 5:16

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. Everyone is invited!

Thursday, May 4th | Sevier County Courthouse | 6pm

SBC News

BASEBALL GREAT, DARRYL STRAWBERRY, SAYS TRUE POWER COMES FROM GOD

Opening Day defines what baseball fans love about the sport.

The sights, sounds and smells funnel together in the game day experience. There is a near-giddy optimism for the months ahead. Hopes hang on the concept of potential, whether in fast-twitch young players ready to make their mark or veterans eager to show they still have something in the tank.

Read the full article by visiting <https://bit.ly/409FCyw>
or scan the QR code

Article by Scott Barkley | Baptist Press



Anyone interested in forming a **Disaster Relief Team** in Sevier County, please contact Justin Johnson @ 865.453.0124. After a recent training event, several have expressed a desire to create such a team so we can have a group of men & women closer to home if/when disaster strikes.

Do you want to have a better understanding of theology?



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read the full article

If the average evangelical in America were to appear on the game show Jeopardy!, they might struggle with a category called "Christian Theology." Here are some shocking statistics:

- 73% say Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God
- 57% agree that "Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature"

Here's a link with 21 resources that can help churchgoers develop a rich, biblically informed theology!



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ENGAGING YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

By Justin Johnson | AMS

As summer approaches, many churches are already planning their usual programs and events. However, this year, I hope you'll incorporate community engagement more than you have in the past. The COVID-19 pandemic left many people feeling isolated and disconnected, and the church has a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact on their lives & show them that hope is found in Jesus!

There are many ways we can engage with our communities this summer. One way is to host events that are open to everyone such as block parties, movie nights, or community service projects. These events can be a great way to bring people together who wouldn't normally come to a Sunday morning experience and in return shows people that you care about them.

Another way churches can engage with their community is to partner with local organizations to meet the needs of those in their area. This could include volunteering with Live-It, SMARM, or SMRM; organizing a clothing/food drive; or participating in a neighborhood cleanup effort.

These partnerships can be a great way to show God's love and compassion to those who may not have experienced it before.



As a church, having a presence in the community is important because it allows us to share the love of Christ with those around us in word & action. By engaging with our community, we can build relationships with people who may not know God and show them that the Church is a welcoming and accepting place. We can also help meet the practical needs of those around us, which can also open the door to sharing the Gospel.

As Christians, we are called to be salt and light in the world. This means that we are to be a positive influence in our communities and to share the hope that we have in Christ. By engaging with our community this summer, we can do just that!

So I encourage us all to be Kingdom ambassadors in practical ways, build relationships with those around us, and point them to the true source of hope: Jesus!



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

open church positions in Sevier County

Roaring Fork

- Roaring Fork Baptist Church in Gatlinburg is accepting resumes for "Youth Pastor". The position will require 15-20 hours per week and offer a competitive salary. The candidate chosen for this position will be supported by the whole church body to ensure success in soul winning, leadership development, and discipleship. Resumes may be sent to: pastorkimdmccroskey@gmail.com or communicate by phone @ 865-898-4428.

MISSION TRIP

By Herb Caughron | Men's Ministry Director

I would like to Thank YOU once again for your Prayers for the ANNUAL MISSION TRIP! God is leading us once again to Middlesboro Kentucky.

We will be working with the Bell County Baptist Association and Brother Joe Beason the Director of Missions. This year we plan to work on a few projects at people's houses in the community. Hopefully we will have a greater opportunity to witness while we work in the neighborhood!

We plan to leave Sunday June 18, and return Friday June 23 after the evening meal. We will be staying at Southside Baptist Church. As before, we will be staying in classrooms or wherever we can put a cot or air mattress. The meals and devotions will be in the fellowship hall.

If you or someone from your church feel lead to go with us, please contact me very soon. It may seem short notice to some, but we have had these trips for over 30 years now and sometimes God keeps me in suspense as to where we need to be ! I just want us to be where HE wants us to be! We have been Blessed so many times by seeing Him work on these trips in many different ways!! One of my favorite things of the week is our devotional time each evening!! And it's always good to be with Brothers and Sisters and to get to know them a little better!

If you need more information about the mission trip please give me a call at 654-1937. Sometimes I know I need to be more detailed with information, I guess after doing this so long everyone probably knows the answers by now. We always go on Father's Day and do some kind of construction project somewhere. And God has always used it to bring Him Glory!! Please continue to Pray for this year's mission trip and those that will be going!!!!!! Thank You!!!

Church Gifts			
March 2023			
Alder Branch	\$429.00	Millican Grove	\$362.61
Antioch	\$400.00	Mountain View	\$564.35
Banner	\$100.00	New Center	\$50.00
Beech Springs	\$458.74	New Era	\$967.88
Bells Chapel		New Salem	
Bethel		Northview	
Blowing Cave		Oak City	
Boys Creek	\$268.48	Oldham's Creek	\$434.08
Bradley's Chapel	\$25.00	Paw Paw Hollow	\$532.93
Calvary	\$25.00	Pigeon Forge 1st	\$443.07
Connect	\$100.00	Providence	
Covemont		Red Bank	\$323.20
Dripping Springs	\$514.05	Red Bank 1st	
Dupont		Richardson's Cove	
Faith Fellowship		Roaring Fork	\$250.00
French Broad Valley	\$300.00	Sevierville 1st	\$2,083.33
Friendship		Sevierville 2nd	\$150.00
Gatlinburg First	\$50.00	Seymour 1st	\$633.65
Gists Creek	\$100.00	Shiloh	\$1,353.00
Grace	\$139.70	Sims Chapel	
Gumstand		Smithwood	
Henderson Chapel	\$195.00	Sugar Loaf	
Hills Creek		Union Valley	\$100.00
Howard's View		Valley View	\$285.00
Hurst Chapel		Walden's Creek	\$60.00
Jones Chapel	\$973.30	Walnut Grove	\$200.00
Knob Creek	\$167.04	Wears Valley	\$300.00
Kodak		Williamsburg	\$46.44
Laurel Branch		Zion Grove	\$155.36
Laurel Grove		Zion Hill	\$300.00
Lebanon		Individuals	\$2,565.00
Maples Branch	\$51.00	TOTAL	\$16,456.21

Praying for our Pastors

April 30th - May 6th

Jeff Blalock | Hurst's Chapel
Kevin Treadaway | Jones Chapel

May 7th - 13th

Edward King | Knob Creek
Erle Shepard | Kodak Community

May 14th - 20th

Ernie Coleman | Laurel Grove
Greg Watson | Glades Lebanon

May 21st - 27th

David Hodges | Maples Branch
David Wilson | Millican Grove

May 28th - June 3rd

Jack Hitch | Mountain View
Wayne Smith | New Center

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Calendar

- **May 2** - Missions Committee Meeting
6:30pm | Office
- **May 4** - National Day of Prayer
6pm | Sevier County Courthouse
- **May 9** - WMU Meeting
6:30pm | Office
- **May 16** - Camp Smoky Committee Meeting
6pm | Camp Smoky
- **May 21** - 50th Anniversary of Dollywood Chapel
Children's Ministry Sunday
- **May 22** - Executive Board Meeting
7pm | Office
- **May 29** - Memorial Day [Office Closed]

Anniversaries

- **May 1** - Eric & Tosha Hurst | Blowing Cave
- **May 16** - David & Tammy Ayers | Richardson's Cove
- **May 20** - Ernie & Gayla Coleman | Laurel Grove
- **May 21** - Justin & Rachel Beasley | Bethel

Birthdays

- **May 3** - Jeff Blalock | Hurst's Chapel
- **May 3** - Justin Randolph | Zion Hill
- **May 8** - Tammy Ayers | Richardson's Cove
- **May 10** - Nick Moore | FBC Gatlinburg
- **May 12** - Melody Cain | Seymour First
- **May 14** - Corey Cain | Seymour First
- **May 14** - Danny Henry | Friendship
- **May 14** - David Gibson | Bells Chapel
- **May 15** - Don Letzring | Zion Grove
- **May 21** - Donna Miller | Dripping Springs
- **May 23** - Elizabeth Huskey | Covemont
- **May 24** - Preston Joslin | Valley View
- **May 26** - Larry Henry | Sims Chapel
- **May 28** - Wes Carr | Smithwood
- **May 29** - Susan Dixon | Gists Creek



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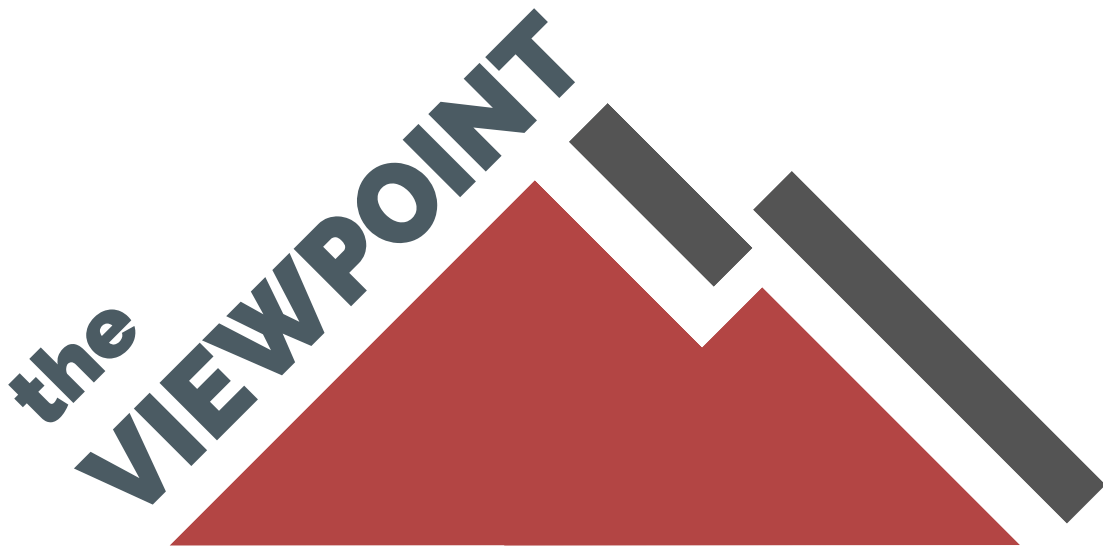
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