



THE VIEWPOINT

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

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B TOOLBOX

Not long ago, most churches sang from a hymnal. Songs were curated, tested, and distributed through trusted channels. If you wanted a new song, it came from a publisher, and it often stayed in rotation for years. Today, every worship leader has become a curator and gatekeeper. And that's not a small responsibility.

Because the songs we choose don't just fill time in a service – they form the theology and discipleship of our people. One of the first things we have to wrestle with is something very practical...

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

Author: Rhon Carter | GBMB

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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.

From Our Churches to the Front Lines

Please join us in praying for these members of our churches who are currently deployed.

The Bingham Family (Valley View)

The Morrow Family (Valley View)

The Johnson Family (Shiloh)

The Carter Family (Shiloh)

Lifeway[®] research

3 Keys to Healthy Disciple Making Relationships

Whether you're in charge of a discipleship ministry at your church or you're personally discipling someone one-on-one, we're all prone to make missteps in building these relationships for the gain of community and spiritual maturity. As you grow in leadership and discipling people, you should never settle into a "business as usual" mindset or lose the reason you are doing what you are doing. We must strive to keep our zeal in serving the Lord at 100% (Romans 12:11). Here are three keys to building healthy disciple making relationships...

Read the full article at <https://bit.ly/4eU4B44>

Author: Paul Worcester | NAMB

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"Growth in a Season of Rest"

Written by Justin Johnson | AMS

June often arrives with a subtle invitation that many leaders struggle to accept. The calendar loosens slightly, attendance patterns shift, vacations begin, and the relentless pace of ministry softens just enough for pastors and churches to breathe again. Yet for many of us, rest can feel unproductive, even uncomfortable, because we have quietly learned to associate growth only with activity. We assume momentum happens through constant motion, packed schedules, and visible progress. But Scripture tells a different story. Some of God's deepest work happens beneath the surface, in seasons where the pace slows and the soul finally has room to listen.

Healthy things grow differently than busy things. A tree does not apologize for winter, and a field does not panic when it lies still between harvests. Rest is not the absence of growth; often it is the environment that makes sustainable growth possible. Jesus regularly withdrew from crowds, not because His mission lacked urgency, but because communion with the Father mattered more than constant output. If the Son of God embraced rhythms of retreat and renewal, perhaps we should stop viewing rest as weakness and start seeing it as wisdom.

For churches and pastors, summer can become more than a season to survive until fall programming returns.

It can become a season to recalibrate priorities, deepen relationships, and rediscover joy in ministry. Some churches may not see numerical growth during these months, but they may experience something equally important: healthier leaders, more attentive families, renewed volunteers, and congregations learning again how to abide in Christ instead of merely working for Him.

The truth is that exhaustion rarely produces lasting spiritual fruit. We may be able to maintain activity for a while through determination alone, but eventually a weary soul begins to lose clarity, compassion, and vision. Rest restores those things. It reminds us that the church ultimately belongs to Christ, not to our efforts, strategies, or ability to keep every plate spinning.

As June unfolds, perhaps the invitation before us is simple but necessary: trust God enough to rest. Growth does not stop when we slow down. Sometimes growth finally begins when we do.

-With you & for you,

Justin

Baptist AND Reflector

TELLING THE STORY OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS SINCE 1835

TMB Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

"The regional 'VPs': A report from the field"



"Sometimes ideas sound great in theory, but you don't really know if they'll work until they're put into practice. When Tennessee Baptists voted to restructure convention officers in 2024 and elected three regional vice presidents in 2025, it sounded like a good idea. Six months in, I can tell you it has turned out to be a great idea."

Read the full article at
<https://bit.ly/49Pb0tF>



Baptist & Reflector | TBMB

Did you know the SCBA can provide resources for your church?



Click [here](#) for a list of things your Association can do for you!



The Two-Minute Welcome

A warm welcome in the first few minutes can shape someone's entire church experience.

-  **3 Simple Steps:**
- **Notice People** – Look for someone standing alone or unfamiliar.
 - **Start a Conversation** – Introduce yourself and ask a simple question.
 - **Walk With Them** – Help them find coffee, seating, kids check-in, or the sanctuary.

People may forget a sermon title, but they remember how they were treated.

 **Bonus Idea:** Offer to sit with them & invite them to lunch!

Praying for our Pastors

May 31st - June 6th

Glenn Metts | Shiloh
Larry Henry | Sims Chapel

June 7th - 13th

Wes Carr | Smithwood
David Newman | Sugar Loaf

June 14th - 20th

Kevin Thacker | Union Valley
Matthew Birchfield | Valley View

June 21st - 27th

Jack Ogle | Walden's Creek
Danny Matthews | Walnut Grove

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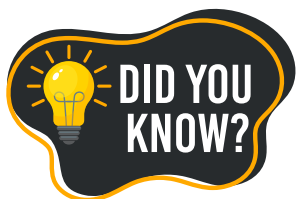
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **May 25th** - Office Closed (Memorial Day)
- **May 31st** - Disaster Relief Sunday
- **June 3rd** - Pastor's Learning Community
10am | SCBA Office
- **June 7th - 10th** - SBC Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL
- **June 21st - Happy Father's Day!**
- **June 21st - 26th** - Men's Ministry Mission Trip
Gray, KY
- **June 29th** - Associational Gathering
6:30pm | SCBA Office

-In Other News-

- We have recently agreed to update the terminology used for our Associational meetings to sound more inclusive. So we want you to know that YOU ARE INVITED to our Associational Gatherings on the last Monday of the month. Church Representatives (approved by the church) are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, prayer, worship, & making decisions together for the glory of God! The bottom line is that we want you to know that everyone is welcome, this isn't a closed group of selected individuals and we would love to see every church represented. Please contact Justin for more questions about these gatherings!



Monopoly, Scrabble, Risk – take your pick. Board games can keep your brain healthy as you age, protecting your brain from cognitive decline and reducing your risk of neurodegenerative diseases such as dementia.



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