



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

With a theme of "Faithful to Multiply," out of 2 Timothy 2:2, members of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL) adopted a substantial budget increase, hosted breakout sessions covering numerous areas of ministry and heard from Southern Baptist leaders as to the inherent cohesiveness modeled by churches working together during the group's annual meeting, June 7-8. That support has led to a high number of 21 state convention partnerships and 750 total members, up from 350 members five years ago.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/4a2k6nk>

Author: Scott Barkley || 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, Vision Team, & Campus Ministry 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!

Baptist AND Reflector

TELLING THE STORY OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS SINCE 1835

TBM: Tennessee Baptist
MISSION BOARD

“WMU trains churches on mental health first aid”



“Mental health challenges touch every congregation, yet many churches remain ill-equipped to respond. But Tennessee Woman’s Missionary Union is working to change that. The effort reflects a growing recognition that caring for the whole person — body, mind, and spirit — is central to the church’s mission.”

Read the full article at
<https://bit.ly/4ebcl0D>



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:

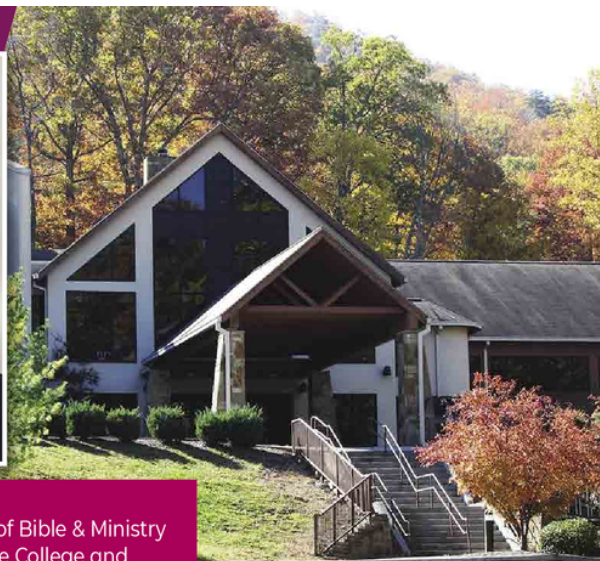
- **Identity & Joy:** Highlights how being grounded in God's good creation gives humans the freedom to play and experience pleasure.
- **Connection to Sabbath:** Frames play as a rhythm of rest and spiritual formation rather than a distraction from work.
- **Removing Barriers:** Helps believers overcome 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.



arlm.org



The Prayer List Refresh

Intentional prayer keeps people connected and feel cared for.

-  **3 Simple Steps:**
- **Write Down Requests** – Keep a simple running list on your phone or notebook.
 - **Pray Specifically** – Mention needs by name throughout the week.
 - **Follow Up** – Ask how things are going and celebrate answered prayer.

Consistent prayer reminds people they are not walking alone

 **Bonus Idea:** Send a text to let them know you prayed for them, it goes a long way!

Praying for our Pastors

June 28th - July 4th

Michael Barnes | FBC Wears Valley
Jeremiah Huskey | Williamsburg

July 5th - 11th

Don Letzring | Zion Grove
Steven Nichols | Zion Hill

July 12th - 18th

Bruce Yates | Alder Branch
Pete Lamon | Banner

July 19th - 25th

Sam Grindstaff | Beech Springs
David Gibson | Bells Chapel

July 26th - Aug. 1st

Rick Gering | Bethel
Philip Crick | Blowing Cave

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sign up for text reminders



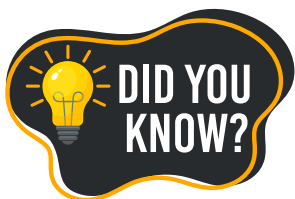
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **June 29th** - Associational Gathering
6:30pm | SCBA Office
- **July 1st** - Pastor's Learning Community / Lunch
10am | SCBA Office
- **July 7th** - East TN Faith & Community Summit
12:30pm | Bridgewater Hospitality Collective
- **July 27th** - 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!



A study in 1993 showed that the maximum power a horse can produce is 18,000W, around 24 horsepower.



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