



THE VIEWPOINT

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

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SBC News

Less than two years ago, AI struggled to do basic math. Now, top engineers are handing off most of their coding to it. Its capability to upend economics, politics, culture – basically reality – approaches hyperbole. By all indications, AI is going to outpace the Internet itself in reshaping the world.

Southern Baptist entities are already utilizing AI in various levels of work. Leadership has ratified guidelines for its usage; others are in the process. At least one entity has outright banned the use of one AI platform. AI is here, and it is already changing things.

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

Author: Scott Barkley | Baptist Press

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Open Church Positions

Churches without a pastor:

Grace Baptist Church
Knob Creek Baptist Church
Laurel Grove
Providence Baptist Church
Zion Hill Baptist Church

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

COMPASSION LIVE *presents the*
HOPE OF HEAVEN
Tour

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD
with special guest:
KELLY MINTER

Saturday, March 21, 2026
Sevierville, TN
FBC Sevierville

HOPEOFHEAVENTOUR.COM

Compassion Lifeway FIRST GROUNDED PATH Palm Beach Atlantic

ON SALE NOW!

Register @ <https://sevier.church/women>

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!

“The Power of Presence”

Written by Justin Johnson | AMS

We live in a world that is constantly moving. Phones buzz. Notifications pull at our attention. Schedules fill up quickly, and even in moments of rest, our minds can feel crowded. It has become easier than ever to be connected to everything and yet feel fully present with nothing. In the middle of all this noise, one of the greatest gifts we can offer our churches and communities is our presence.

Scripture reminds us that God Himself models this for us. John 1:14 tells us that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jesus did not remain distant. He stepped into our world, walked beside people, listened to their stories, and met them right where they were. His ministry was not rushed or distracted, but it was marked by intentional presence.

In ministry today, it can be tempting to focus only on programs, planning, or productivity. While those things have their place, people are longing for something deeper. They want to know they are seen. They want to feel heard. They want a place to belong. Sometimes the most powerful thing we can do is slow down long enough to truly be with someone.

Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still, and know that I am God.” Stillness feels countercultural, yet it is often where God speaks most clearly.

When we learn to be present with Him, it changes the way we are present with others. Prayer becomes more than a task. Worship becomes more than a routine. Relationships become more than passing conversations.

To our pastors, leaders, and churches, I want to offer this encouragement: your presence matters. Sitting with someone who is grieving, celebrating with someone who is rejoicing, or simply giving someone your undivided attention reflects the heart of Christ in ways words alone cannot.

This month, I want to challenge each of us to practice intentional presence. Put down the distractions for a moment. Listen closely. Pray deeply. Look people in the eye and remind them that they are valued and loved.

In a distracted world, a present church shines brightly. And when we choose presence, we create space for people to encounter the presence of God Himself.



With you & for you,

Justin



PARK BLESSING AND BIBLE PLACEMENT

You are invited to join us for a special service of prayer and dedication as Bibles are replaced in the Chapel

Saturday, March 21
12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Prayer Service led by Dollywood Chaplain.
Bibles have been generously donated by
The Gideons International.

Contact the Dollywood Wellness Team
at 865-429-9727 for information on
Dollywood Park admission. Everyone is
welcome to join!

Dollywood Pray Walk

Each year as we prepare to open our park, we ask local pastors to join us at Dollywood to walk and pray. For many of us, there is a personal connection to this place - employment for yourself, your family or church members...a place to celebrate blessings in life and have fun.

You are invited to join the Dollywood Wellness Team for a guided prayer walk around Dollywood before we open for the season.

As representatives from your church, we come together to intercede for our employees and guests.

So, lace up your walking shoes and come along on the journey! Our Prayer Walk sessions are scheduled for

Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

or

Tuesday, March 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parking will be available in the accessible parking lot closest to the entrance, as Dollywood is not open to guests yet.

The Wellness Team will meet you at the front ticket booths.

We will need an RSVP so we can make necessary arrangements to have visitors on Park. Please dress for the weather.

We look forward to seeing you at Dollywood!

Contact Chaplain Linda Woodward at 865.403.2925 with questions
or reply by email to linda.woodward@dollywood.com



Simple Outreach Starter

Want to make a difference in your neighborhood?

💡 Try this: Ask your church family to adopt one street to pray for weekly this month.

- Walk the street and pray
- Introduce yourself to one neighbor
- Invite someone to church or coffee

Small steps can create big Gospel opportunities!

Praying for our Pastors	
March 1 st - 7 th	Ricky Loveday Henderson Chapel Dustin Shultz Hills Creek
March 8 th - 14 th	Edward Ball Howards View Jeff Blalock Hurt's Chapel
March 15 th - 21 st	Kevin Treadaway Jones Chapel Greg Watson Lebanon
March 22 nd - 28 th	David Hodges Maples Branch David Wilson Millican Grove

scan the code to sign up for text reminders



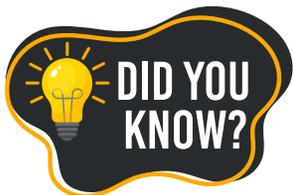
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **February 23rd** - Associational Gathering
6:30pm | SCBA Office
- **March 4th** - Pastor's Learning Community
10am | SCBA Office
- **March 17th** - Pastor's Conference @ Carson-Newman
9:30am | Chapel
- **March 17th** - Campus Ministry Team Meeting
6pm | SCBA Office
- **March 22nd** - Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- **March 30th** - Associational Gathering
6:30pm | SCBA Office

-In Other News-

- *Spring Break* for Sevier County begins March 30th!
- Carson-Newman is hosting a Pastor's Conference starting at 9:30am in chapel with Dr. Danny Akin (President of SEBTS). Cost is free & lunch is provided. **RSVP [here](#)** or scan the code → 
- March 1st - 8th is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, one Australian cattle dog, 'Bluey', survived to the ripe old age of 29.5.



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