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B TOOLBOX

Leadership isn't easy, but it is essential to the mission of God. As you grow in these seven "Cs," you'll lead more like God wants you to lead. Focus on these traits and watch what God does through you. Effective Christian leadership doesn't happen by accident—it's formed through intentional character and Spirit-led discipline.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/4i7PQdh>

Author: Matt McCraw | Church Answers

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Open Church Positions

Churches without a pastor:

Grace Baptist Church
 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.

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!



Messengers at the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists displayed unity while unanimously electing Dan Spencer as president, unanimously approving a \$35 million budget and collectively celebrating the centennial anniversaries of three Baptist cornerstones: the Cooperative Program, Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the Baptist Faith and Message.

The event at West Jackson Baptist Church — which had the theme “All Aboard: Advancing Together” — was well attended, drawing 944 registered messengers, representing 449 churches, and 179 guests.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/48NQfOV>
 or by scanning the QR code!



"Rediscovering Joy this Christmas"

Written by Justin Johnson | AMS

There's something special about this time of year. The lights begin to glow a little brighter, familiar songs fill the air, and the warmth of family and friends reminds us that Christmas is just around the corner. For many of us, it stirs up memories of those childhood days when the excitement of the season seemed almost too much to contain. We could hardly sleep on Christmas Eve, hearts racing with anticipation.

But as the years pass, that childlike wonder often fades. Life gets complicated. The pressures of ministry, family, and finances can weigh heavy on our hearts. The to-do lists grow longer, and somewhere in the middle of the busyness, the joy of Christmas can feel distant.

Yet, joy is exactly what Christmas is meant to bring. Not the kind that comes from gifts, decorations, or even the perfect family gathering, but the deep, lasting joy that only comes from knowing Jesus.

Luke 2:10 reminds us of the angel's words to the shepherds: *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."* That same message echoes through the ages: joy has come, and His name is Jesus.

True joy isn't found in the things of this world; it's found in the presence of our Savior. He is the reason we celebrate.

He is the source of peace in our chaos, the light in our darkness, and the hope that never fades.

This Christmas, I want to encourage you to pause and remember that joy. Let's rekindle the flame that once filled our hearts with awe and wonder...not because of presents under the tree, but because of the gift of salvation that came wrapped in swaddling clothes.

And as you rediscover that joy, let it overflow. Let it shine through your worship, your conversations, and your service. There are people all around us who need to be reminded that Jesus still changes lives, still brings hope, and still invites us to find our joy in Him.

May this Christmas season bring back that childlike wonder in your heart and ignite a renewed passion for our King of kings.

With you and for you,

-Justin



Lifeway® research

Every church—whether established for a century or a young church plant—eventually reaches a season of needing a reset. This is a time to reassess and explore options for increasing gospel impact.

Maybe your church is considering a full revitalization, or perhaps you sense a palpable tension in the ministry, a roadblock to growth you can't quite articulate.

No matter where you are in the church lifecycle, a reset requires readiness. Here are five signs your church doesn't just need a reset but might actually be ready for one.

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

Author: Tyler Harden | Firm Foundations Marketing

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Bethel	\$200.00	New Salem	
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Bradley's Chapel		Oldham's Creek	\$267.00
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French Broad Valley	\$300.00	Roaring Fork	\$500.00
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Gists Creek	\$100.00	Seymour 1st	\$929.26
Grace	\$35.37	Shiloh	\$1,475.00
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Henderson Chapel	\$359.00	Smithwood	
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Knob Creek	\$108.81	Walnut Grove	
Kodak		Wears Valley	\$1,005.00
Laurel Branch		Williamsburg	\$83.44
Laurel Grove		Zion Grove	\$140.00
Lebanon		Zion Hill	\$316.00
Maples Branch	\$38.00	Individuals	\$1,000.00
TOTAL		\$13,992.68	

Praying for our Pastors

Nov. 30th - Dec. 6th

Matthew Birchfield | Valley View
Jack Ogle | Walden's Creek

December 7th - 13th

Danny Matthews | Walnut Grove
Michael Barnes | Wears Valley

December 14th - 20th

Jeremiah Huskey | Williamsburg
Don Letzring | Zion Grove

December 21st - 27th

Scott Carter | Zion Hill
Bruce Yates | Alder Branch

Dec. 28th - Jan. 3rd

Pete Lamon | Banner
Sam Grindstaff | Beech Springs

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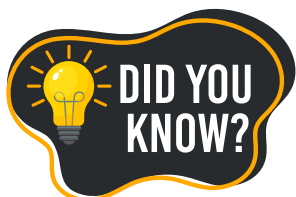


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **December 3rd** - Pastors Learning Community
10am | SCBA Office
- **Nov. 30th - Dec. 7th** - Week of Prayer for
International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering
- **December 25th** - Merry Christmas!
- **January 26th** - Executive Board Meeting
6:30pm | SCBA Office

No Executive Board Meeting this month!



Only 8% of U.S. Protestant pastors are extremely
satisfied with discipleship in their church.

-In Other News-

- Please complete your church's ACP by February so
we can have updated information about your
church & staff.
- Justin still needs help with Annual Meeting
planning! If you are interested, we'll begin
planning ahead for the 141st Annual Meeting soon.





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