



# THE VIEWPOINT

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## B TOOLBOX

"After two decades in ministry, by far the hardest part has been feeling like I'm navigating seasons of leadership alone. Calendars are filled with events, Bible studies, and fellowships for other women to connect, engage, and dig deep, while I'm hustling around tending to all the tasks, keeping each plate spinning. Navigating these experiences requires intentionality, wisdom, and not just in our personal walk with Christ, but also in the relationships we cultivate around us. Leading with community isn't just a suggestion—it's a necessity."

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3CiiJ5S>

*Author Jacki C. King*  
*Baptist Press*



# Open Church Positions

➤ **First Baptist Church Pigeon Forge** is seeking a part-time nursery worker on Sundays. Candidates must be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma or equivalent, and a current CPR certification from the American Heart Association. They must be willing to submit to a background check and prove that all immunizations and tests (particularly a TB test) are up-to-date. General working hours are 9 a.m. to noon each Sunday. The pay is \$15/hour. There may be some additional opportunities to work during special events. Please go to our website (<https://www.fbcpf.org/documents>) to download the Employment Application. Email applications to [office@fbcpf.org](mailto:office@fbcpf.org).

➤ **Churches without a pastor:**

- Bethel Baptist Church
- Grace
- Laurel Branch Baptist Church
- Providence Baptist Church

Please call the office with any updates to church positions ... thanks!

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



Let me know what your goals are & I'll get you connected to the resources you need to bridge the gap!

# THE GIFT OF GOD'S SON

By Justin Johnson | AMS

As we enter this Christmas season, it's a time to remember the heart of the Gospel. Christmas reminds us that God looked upon humanity, saw us as we truly are, and responded with the greatest gift of all—His Son, Jesus Christ. This act of grace didn't come from a distant or disinterested God, but from a loving Father who sees us with compassion, grace, and a desire for each of us to experience life in Him.

The Christmas story is a message of hope. When God sent His Son to earth, He knew each one of us would struggle with sin and brokenness. Yet, He saw our potential, our need, and our true value, choosing to enter into our world to offer us salvation and a way to experience life more abundant and free. This incredible compassion, this "seeing" with love, is what we are also called to do in our community today.

Friends, we must look around us and see people the way God sees them. Imagine what would happen if every church member started to see their neighbors, co-workers, and even strangers through the lens of God's love.

Our communities would be transformed! Yet, sharing the Gospel is not a job we should leave solely to pastors or missionaries. God has called each of us to carry this message of hope into the world.



Can I be honest? The lost aren't waiting for a church service—they're waiting for someone to come to them with the love of Christ. This Christmas, let's be people who take the initiative to reach out to those around us. Let's return to the urgency of sharing the hope of Jesus, especially in a world that so desperately needs Him. Take that step, engage in conversation, offer a listening ear, and share the story of Jesus with someone in need.

This is our privilege and calling. Will you take that step of faith today?

Blessings,

*Justin*

# CATALYST BATTLE!

2025 LINEUP



JUSTIN KENLEY



KELLIE LETT



AUSTIN HALL



SHAMA MREMA



CATALYST BAND

## January 24-25, 2025

You're invited! Catalyst is a county-wide event for all middle & high school students at the Ridge Outdoor Resort (home of Connect Church). There will be amazing speakers, breakout sessions, and worship, celebrating unity as we make much of Jesus together!

Sign up today @ [cchurch.org/catalystweekend](https://cchurch.org/catalystweekend)



**Important initiatives happening at SMARM this month!**

December 9th - 13th

Winter Coat Drive, SMARM Family Christmas Program, & the Weekend Backpack Food Program

Thanks to your donations, SMARM is able to meet needs like this in our community & share Jesus with everyone who comes through their doors. If you'd like to get involved, please visit [smarm.org](https://smarm.org) & join what God is doing through this wonderful ministry!



Church Gifts			
October			
Alder Branch	\$836.00	Millican Grove	\$224.50
Banner	\$100.00	Mountain View	\$773.91
Beech Springs	\$1,197.64	New Center	\$50.00
Bells Chapel		New Era	\$390.72
Bethel		New Salem	
Blowing Cave		Northview	
Boyd's Creek	\$52.32	Oak City	
Bradley's Chapel		Oldham's Creek	\$279.30
Calvary	\$25.00	Paw Paw Hollow	\$420.70
Connect	\$100.00	Pigeon Forge 1st	\$1,267.58
Covemont	\$75.00	Providence	
Dripping Springs		Red Bank	\$200.00
Dupont		Red Bank 1st	
Faith Fellowship		Richardson's Cove	
French Broad Valley	\$300.00	Roaring Fork	
Friendship		Sevierville 1st	\$2,083.33
Gatlinburg First	\$50.00	Sevierville 2nd	\$150.00
Gists Creek	\$100.00	Seymour 1st	\$962.11
Grace	\$83.87	Shiloh	\$1,535.00
Gumstand		Sims Chapel	
Henderson Chapel	\$206.00	Smithwood	
Hills Creek		Sugar Loaf	
Howard's View		Union Valley	\$100.00
Hurst Chapel		Valley View	\$285.00
Jones Chapel	\$553.10	Walden's Creek	\$60.00
Knob Creek	\$210.75	Walnut Grove	
Kodak		Wears Valley	\$519.00
Laurel Branch		Williamsburg	
Laurel Grove		Zion Grove	\$163.00
Lebanon		Zion Hill	\$246.00
Maples Branch	\$32.50	Individuals	\$500.00
TOTAL		\$14,132.33	

## Praying for our Pastors

December 1st - 7th

Shane Cogdill | Boyd's Creek  
Clay Sutton | Bradley's Chapel

December 8th - 14th

Cliff Carpenter | Calvary  
Anthony Kendall | Connect

December 15th - 21st

Jack Huskey | Covemont  
Jimmy Miller | Dripping Springs

December 22nd - 28th

Bill Helton | Dupont  
Lowell Wilson | Faith Fellowship

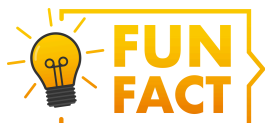
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about upcoming meetings



## ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

### Calendar

- **November 11-13** - TBMB Summit in Murfreesboro, TN
- **November 19** - Camp Smoky Committee  
6:00pm | SCBA Office
- **November 25** - Executive Board  
6:30 pm | SCBA Office
- **November 28** - *Office Closed for Thanksgiving*
- **December 4** - Pastor's Learning Community  
10am | SCBA Office



The yo-yo was originally a weapon  
used in the Philippine jungle.

### Birthdays

- **December 7** - Kyndra Moore | FBC Gatlinburg
- **December 11** - Jeremy Gresham | Second Baptist
- **December 17** - David Wilson | Millican Grove
- **December 17** - Keesha Cogdill | Boyd's Creek
- **December 20** - Lauren Kendall | Oak City
- **December 24** - Kristi Rains | Northview
- **December 27** - Noel Shultz | Hills Creek
- **December 28** - Kimberly Hodges | Maples Branch
- **December 28** - Susan Henry | Friendship

### Anniversaries

- **December 13** - Nick & Kyndra Moore | FBC Gatlinburg
- **December 14** - Kevin & Heather Thacker | Union Valley
- **December 15** - Anthony & Erin Kendall | Connect
- **December 16** - Dan & Tresa Spencer | FBC Sevierville
- **December 18** - Chris & Lauren Kendall | Oak City
- **December 18** - Justin & Stephanie Randolph | Zion Hill
- **December 20** - Ronnie & Joyce White | Paw Paw Hollow
- **December 23** - Pete & Stella Lamon | Banner
- **December 27** - Jack & Peggy Hitch | Mountain View



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