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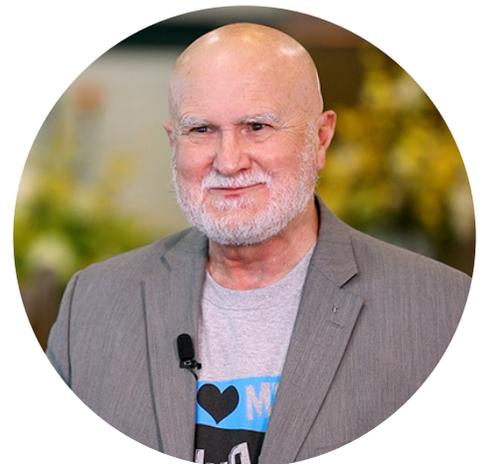


MINISTRY WORKSHOP

with Danny Rachel

Join us **Monday, February 28th at 7pm** to hear a beautiful testimony of revitalization from Danny Rachel.

Not only will you get to hear how God led him and his church to revitalization, but you'll also see the exciting benefits they experienced as a result of being faithful to the Lord in this renewal process!



FBC Gatlinburg has a few pianos they would like to gift to any church or ministry who could use them. Please call Bryon Fortner at 865-680-7729



Are you a church clerk or secretary?

You are invited to join us **March 14 - 16, 2022** at Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro for the State Secretaries Conference!

This will help you stay up-to-date on policy changes under the new presidency as well as learn current trends as a result of the pandemic. See *Justin* for more details!



Sevier County Baptist Association

"Let's Get Out of Debt!"

We are putting together a no-cost, 12-week financial management course designed to help young married couples get out of debt, manage their finances, and strengthen their marriage.

Sign up below if you would be interested!

Count me in!



Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/2e763tx8>

now introducing...

Pastor Rountables

Beginning in March, Pastors will have the opportunity to gather together for the purpose of spiritual growth, learning from one another, and being equipped with resources to aide you in your ministry.

Proverbs 27:17 says that "as iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend". This is a way for pastors to come together and discuss various topics you're facing from week to week (i.e. Leadership Development, Our Baptist Identity, Mental/Physical/Spiritual Health, etc.). I hope to see the young and old come together to strengthen & encourage one another because I believe each of you has something valuable to bring to the table.

More information is coming soon regarding location, dates, & times. Please watch your email & this newsletter for updates!

Ministry Leaders Connection

Beginning in April, the Sevier County Baptist Association will be providing opportunities throughout the year for ministry leaders to connect with one another as well as learn about the benefits of plugging into the Association. While you will certainly walk away with something from various sources, we also want to provide the chance for each of you to glean from each other.

This time of connection will be for any and all ministry leaders serving in the church whether you're a student pastor, women's ministry director, worship pastor, or volunteer in the children's ministry. We'll provide resources for you to take, as well as some training opportunities to help you enhance your ministry.

More information is coming soon regarding location, dates, & times. Please watch your email & this newsletter for updates!

THEIR FACES SAY IT ALL

BY JUSTIN JOHNSON | AMS

For the last few weeks, as I drive around, I have tried to take notice of the people around me. Whether I'm stopped at a red light or stop sign or just sitting in traffic, there's always one thing missing from the faces I see in my proximity...a smile.

Why aren't they smiling? Are they not happy? Why aren't they happy? Are they going through a difficult time in life? What music are they listening to? Do they know Jesus? Have they not heard the Good News? These are some of the questions that run through my mind as I look around at the people in our community. But recently, a more important question came to mind:

"What if there was something simple I could do to bring joy into their life?"

There is a creator on the trending app, TikTok, that I follow & all of her content consist of driving through town & shouting compliments to people from her car. "I love your hair, it looks so beautiful today!", "Your shirt is so adorable, where did you get it?", "You have the best smile, please don't stop!", "I'm so jealous of your outfit, you look stunning in that!" "Sir, you're going to have to cool down because you're looking fire today!" (ask a teen in your church about that one). Without fail and with every compliment, these people go from a dull, life-will-never-change-for-me face to all smiles! You can see their countenance change and from that moment forward, the way they carry themselves is different. Because of one compliment, they have a renewed understanding of self-worth.

This is something simple that we all can do...so ***challenge you*** to spread the love of Christ and be a light in the circle God placed you in by giving out at least ***3 compliments a day this year!*** You may be thinking "this is silly, why would I compliment a random stranger?"...look, I understand it can be awkward at first, but we have to start somewhere. And to be brutally honest (and as lovingly as I know how), if we're not going to strike up a conversation to share Jesus with them, the least we could do is say something nice to them...amen? So join me in spreading hope this year by being the salt & light as we were called to be.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." -Matthew 5:16

Church Gifts			
November 2021			
Alder Branch	\$458.00	Mountain View	\$845.22
Antioch		Mount Zion	\$392.26
Banner	\$100.00	New Center	\$50.00
Beech Springs		New Era	
Bells Chapel		New Salem	
Bethel	\$100.00	Northview	
Blowing Cave		Oak City	\$100.00
Boyd's Creek	\$99.18	Oldham's Creek	\$689.70
Bradley's Chapel	\$25.00	Paw Paw Hollow	\$645.31
Calvary	\$25.00	Pigeon Forge First	\$673.77
Connect	\$100.00	Providence	
Covemont		Red Bank	\$302.60
Dripping Springs		Red Bank 1st	
Dupont		Redemption	\$139.44
Faith Fellowship		Richardson's Cove	\$186.48
French Broad Valley	\$300.00	Roaring Fork	\$250.00
Friendship		Sevierville 1st	\$2,083.33
Gatlinburg First	\$50.00	Sevierville 2nd	\$150.00
Gists Creek		Seymour First	\$1,013.09
Grace	\$75.00	Shiloh	\$1,062.00
Gumstand		Sims Chapel	
Henderson Chapel	\$202.00	Smithwood	
Hills Creek		Sugar Loaf	
Howard's View		Union Valley	\$200.00
Hurst Chapel		Valley View	\$285.00
Jones Chapel	\$518.20	Walden's Creek	\$60.00
Knob Creek	\$82.35	Walnut Grove	
Kodak		Wears Valley	\$565.00
Laurel Branch		Williamsburg	
Laurel Grove		Zion Grove	
Lebanon		Zion Hill	\$300.00
Maples Branch	\$62.00	Individuals	\$725.00
Millican Grove	\$211.56	TOTAL	\$13,126.49

OPEN MINISTRY POSITION

Roaring Fork Baptist Church has started the process of looking for a **Children's Minister**. This position will be bi-vocational.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact pastor Kim McCroskey at (865) 898-4428.

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Calendar

- **Feb. 3** - Meet & Greet w/ Justin @ Bethel 6:30pm
- **Feb. 6** - Church Planting, Evangelism, & Missions Sunday
- **Feb. 8** - Meet & Greet w/ Justin @ FBC Sev 6:30pm
- **Feb. 10** - Meet & Greet w/ Justin @ Lebanon 6:30pm
- **Feb. 15** - Camp Smoky Committee 6:30pm | Office
- **Feb. 17** - Meet & Greet w/ Justin @ Valley View 6:30pm
- **Feb. 20** - Focus on WMU Sunday
- **Feb. 21** - Office Closed for Presidents Day
- **Feb. 27** - Racial Recognition Sunday
- **Feb. 28** - Ministry Workshop w/ Danny Rachel 7:00pm | Office

Birthdays

- **Feb. 2** - Pat Sutton | Bradley's Chapel
- **Feb. 5** - Pat Henry | Sims Chapel
- **Feb. 8** - Pastor Jack Ogle | Walden's Creek
- **Feb. 16** - Pastor Ernie Coleman | Laurel Grove
- **Feb. 25** - Judy Blalock | Hurst Chapel
- **Feb. 28** - Pastor Michael Pass | Antioch

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries in February





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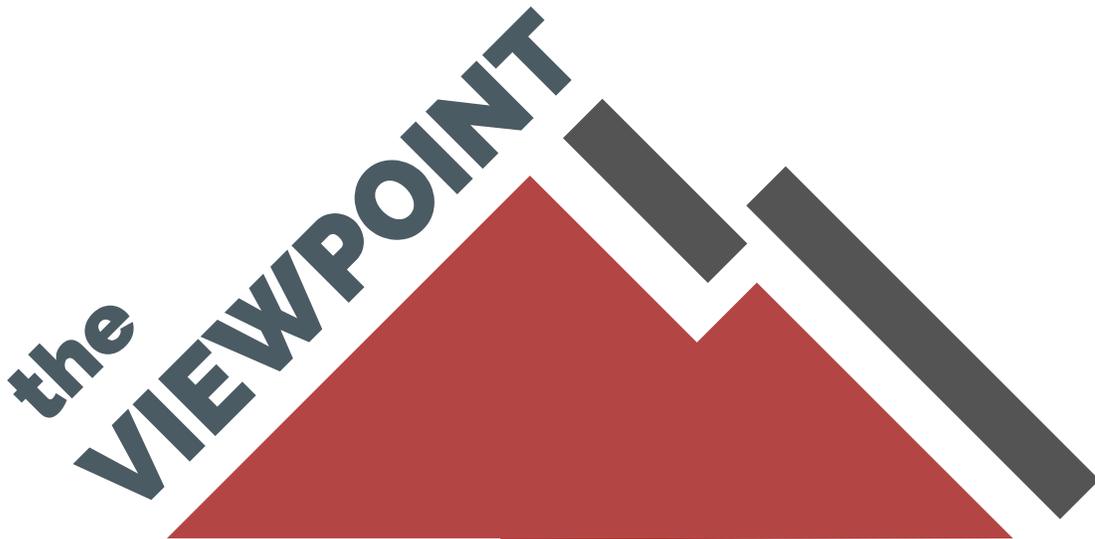
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