

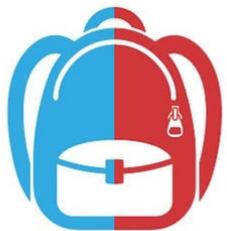


THE VIEWPOINT

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**CHRISTMAS
BACKPACKS**
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

In Tennessee, 19.3% of children live in poverty.

Tennessee Baptists have been challenged to provide 7,000 backpacks for children living in poverty regions this year! We'll be accepting donations now through Thursday, October 20th. Backpacks can include items such as: toys, hygiene items, clothing, school supplies, & more. For more information on Christmas Backpacks, please visit tnbaptist.org/backpacks or call our office at 865.453.0124



THE GOSPEL FOR ALL

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

TITUS 1:2

HOW ARE YOU DOING...REALLY?

By Justin Johnson | AMS

When you look at this question, there are people on both sides of it...but I don't believe either of them see the gravity of the question or the potential peace that it offers. Here's what I mean: on one side we see the "asker" and on the other side we have the "answerer".

Many times as the asker, we ask others how they are doing, but we just leave it there. Of course we mean well when we ask the question; but if we're honest with ourselves, do we really want to take the next 30 minutes of our time listening to the real-life struggles this person is experiencing? Probably not...and I'm not saying we should in every conversation. Some relationships may not be ready for the deep conversations this could lead to, and obviously we won't always have the time to sit & listen for an extended period of time.

If we're on the answering side of the question, I think it's safe to say that many of us don't always give an honest response. We have become experts at wearing a mask to hide our true emotions about the difficulties we face. "I'm fine" or "It's going okay" are typical answers I give & I'm sure you can relate to that. But why?

Why aren't we honest about it...especially when a brother or sister in Christ seems interested to help shoulder the burdens we carry? I think one of the main reasons is because it makes us vulnerable. We feel ashamed to admit that we are struggling on our own & fear the supposed judgmental looks. Perhaps we're struggling with a "secret" sin that we don't want others to know about, so we cover it up & pretend that everything is going well.

I don't believe either of these views are beneficial. **So I posit this challenge:** if you ask someone else how they are doing, be sure they know that you genuinely care about their life & are available to listen. Galatians 6:10 says.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"

As the answerer, if someone asks how you are doing & genuinely cares to know, be honest & open with them. The person who is sincere in asking that question is most likely someone you can trust. If you don't quite feel comfortable sharing with them right away, I hope you'll at least take it to the Lord. Psalm 55:22 says to "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you" because our heavenly Father "is near to the brokenhearted" (Psalm 34:18).



The Pregnancy Resource Center is one of the local ministry partners we support through the Association. Their mission is to minister to the needs of those facing difficult pregnancy decisions with life-affirming alternatives. The PRC provides a wide variety of support programs that touch on the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those facing difficult decisions regarding unplanned pregnancies. As they expand their field of ministry, they're looking to hire two more nurses to serve on staff with them!

Job Opening: Registered Nurse

Location: Maryville & Sevierville

This ideal person has a desire and passion to not just fulfill a job, but to make a difference for the cause of Christ. To serve the community in truth and love as we carry out the PRC mission.



If you have a big heart to serve the community in ministry this might be the position for you. Please visit youmakeherbrave.com/job-opportunities to learn more about & apply for this position. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the PRC at 865-977-8378

CHURCH OPENING



**Shiloh Baptist Church is looking for a
Part-Time Children's Director**

If you or someone you know is looking to serve in this capacity, please contact Pastor Glenn Metts @ 865.924.2858

WHO'S YOUR ONE?

by Glenn Metts | Discipleship Coordinator

Who's Your One?

That question challenges me every single time I read it. It should challenge the heart of every believer. Consider this... ***Imagine the impact if every Christian had one person they prayed for and shared the gospel with. Who are you committing to pray for?***

Now, let's stop and think about this for just a moment. Do we really want to see our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers come to faith in Christ and be saved? If we're genuinely saved ourselves, then of course we do! ***We can make a difference by committing to pray for them. Begin with one. Everyone can pray for one!*** Yes, it's true. Sometimes it's intimidating when we think of sharing the gospel with someone. Sometimes the hardest ones are the people closest to us. I completely understand. But, everyone can commit to pray. Pray for one person that God places on our heart. As we pray for our "one," we can ask the Lord to do a work in our hearts to give us the boldness we need to share our testimony and the gospel with them. God honors our sincere prayers for others and for ourselves.

Will you commit to pray for one? Who is it? Who is God laying on your heart right now? Would you take a moment right now and commit to pray for the person God is bringing to your heart right now?

Let me challenge us all to write down the name of our "one."

Place it somewhere that you will see it often. Pray daily for this person that God will work in their lives and prepare them to hear the Gospel...the good news of Jesus Christ! As you pray for them, begin to look for the opportunities God opens up for you to share with them. God will let you know as you pray.

I personally love the Roman Road when I share my faith. But, there are other ways to share the Gospel as well. If you would like to mark these verses in your Bible, or commit them to memory, here are the ones I use:

- I usually start with **John 3:16** - God Loves You!
- We have sinned and are separated from God (**Romans 3:23**)
- The penalty for our sin is death and separation from God (**Romans 6:23**)
- But God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, to rescue us (**Romans 5:8**)
- We can have forgiveness of our sins and a relationship with God through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! (**Romans 10:9-10**)

Admit to the Lord that we have sinned, turn from our sin and place our faith in Jesus to save us.

Call out to Him! Don't be afraid to lead them to a moment of invitation!

Ask them, "Would you like to trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord right now?"

God bless you as you think about "Your One!"

Church Gifts			
May 2022			
Alder Branch	\$6,745.00	Millican Grove	
Antioch		Mountain View	\$520.47
Banner	\$100.00	New Center	\$50.00
Beech Springs	\$426.94	New Era	\$811.90
Bells Chapel		New Salem	
Bethel		Northview	
Blowing Cave		Oak City	
Boyd's Creek	\$125.95	Oldham's Creek	\$258.50
Bradley's Chapel	\$25.00	Paw Paw Hollow	\$514.70
Calvary		Pigeon Forge 1st	\$558.21
Connect		Providence	
Covemont		Red Bank	\$399.14
Dripping Springs		Red Bank 1st	
Dupont		Richardson's Cove	
Faith Fellowship		Roaring Fork	\$250.00
French Broad Valley	\$300.00	Sevierville 1st	\$2,083.33
Friendship		Sevierville 2nd	\$150.00
Gatlinburg First	\$50.00	Seymour 1st	\$970.75
Gists Creek	\$100.00	Shiloh	
Grace	\$78.99	Sims Chapel	
Gumstand		Smithwood	
Henderson Chapel	\$190.00	Sugar Loaf	
Hills Creek		Union Valley	\$100.00
Howard's View		Valley View	\$285.00
Hurst Chapel		Walden's Creek	
Jones Chapel		Walnut Grove	
Knob Creek	\$138.63	Wears Valley	\$465.00
Kodak		Williamsburg	\$110.16
Laurel Branch		Zion Grove	\$119.44
Laurel Grove		Zion Hill	\$300.00
Lebanon		Individuals	\$718.47
Maples Branch		TOTAL	\$16,945.58

Praying for our Pastors

July 3rd - 9th Ron Reagan | Gum Stand
Ricky Loveday | Henderson Chapel

July 10th - 16th Dustin Shultz | Hills Creek
Edward Ball | Howards View

July 17th - 23rd Jeff Blalock | Hurst's Chapel
Edward King | Knob Creek

July 24th - 30th Erle Shepard | Kodak Community
Ray Burkett | Laurel Branch



KARM is in need of Frontline Team Members. Paid Workers & Volunteers are encouraged to apply. Visit www.karm.org/careers/ for more information!

Restoring Lives in Jesus' Name

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Calendar

- **July 4** - Office Closed - *Happy 4th!*
- **July 5** - Personnel Committee Meeting
6:30pm | SCBA Office
- **July 18** - Executive Board Meeting
7:00pm | SCBA Office
- **July 19** - Nominating Committee Meeting
6:30pm | SCBA Office

Birthdays

- **July 1** - Dustin Shultz | Hills Creek
- **July 6** - Kim McCroskey | Roaring Fork
- **July 7** - Pete Lamon | Banner
- **July 9** - Ben Whitted | New Salem
David Newman | Sugar Loaf

Anniversaries

- **July 4** - Edward & Nancy Ball | Howard's View
- **July 10** - Dustin & Noel Shultz | Hills Creek
- **July 22** - Edward & Nickie King | Knob Creek





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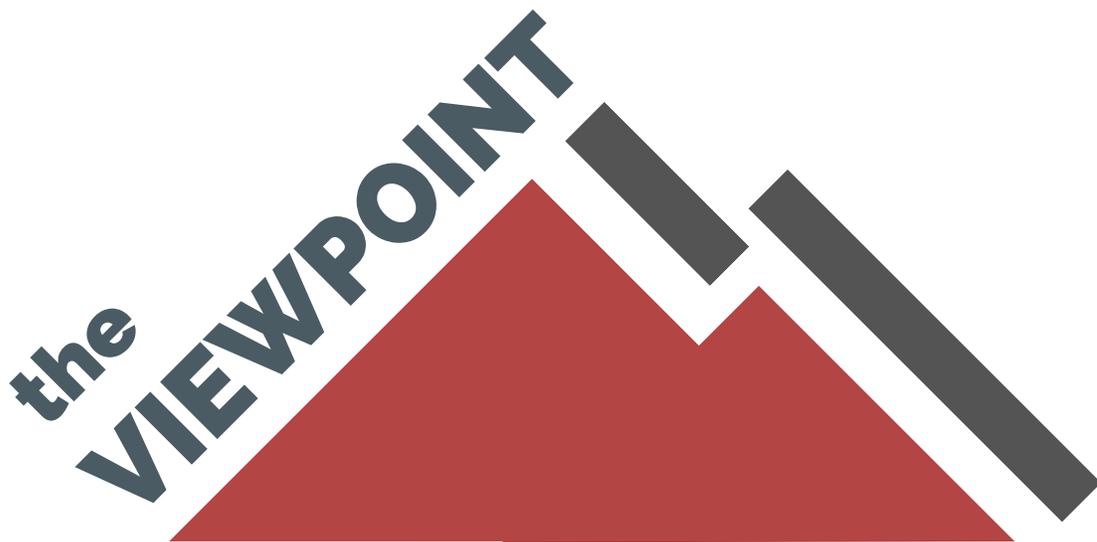
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