



THE VIEWPOINT

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For six straight years, a church in a mid-sized town hosted one of the best community barbecues you could imagine. The food was incredible. Smokers fired up at dawn, volunteers served mountains of pulled pork and ribs, and the aroma drifted across the neighborhood like an open invitation. People came from everywhere—families with kids, retirees looking for conversation, even city officials. The average attendance? About 650 every year. Not bad for a church that worshiped around 175 on Sundays.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3MD4qxZ>

Author: Thom Rainer | Baptist Press

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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.



What is Reset? Reset is an opportunity to unplug and return to the settings as designed by the creator. Like a computer or electronic device, sometimes we need to unplug, albeit briefly, and be recalibrated to our factory settings.

In this year's **Reset** workshop, we will focus on the Minister's Spiritual Health and Emotional/Mental Health. Danny Sinquefield will be leading the discussion on Spiritual Health. We will have different practitioners at each conference leading out in the discussion on Emotional/Mental Health.

Dates for Reset Conferences in 2026:

Tuesday, February 10, Knox County Association of Baptists
 Thursday, February 12, Church Support Center, Franklin
 Thursday, February 26, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson

Here is the link to find all three Reset Conferences and registration links:

<https://tnbaptist.org/ministries/gospel-leaders/strengthening-gospel-leaders/soul-care-for-gospel-leaders/>

Click the button below to the Reset Conference Explained document.

Reset Explained



“Walking Forward with Hope”

Written by Justin Johnson | AMS

There’s something powerful about turning the calendar to January. A new year invites us to pause, reflect, and take a deep breath. It feels like a clean slate. The past year, with all its joys and struggles, now rests behind us, and we stand at the threshold of something new.

For some, this sense of newness brings excitement and renewed energy. For others, it may come with lingering weariness or unanswered questions. Either way, Scripture reminds us that our hope is not rooted in a date on the calendar, but in the unchanging faithfulness of God.

Lamentations 3:22–23 tells us, “Because of the Lord’s faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” That promise is just as true on January 1st as it is on any other day of the year ... God does not run out of mercy and He does not grow tired of meeting us where we are. Each day welcomes us with grace.

The new year is also a reminder that God is always at work, making things new. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come.” While circumstances may not change overnight, God continues to renew our hearts, our minds, and our calling as we walk with Him.

As we step into this year, my encouragement is simple: walk forward with hope. Release what you cannot control. Lay down the burdens you were never meant to carry alone. Invite God into your plans, your prayers, and your daily rhythms, trusting that He will lead you with wisdom and grace.

And for those who feel strong and hopeful right now, this is also an opportunity to encourage others. A word of kindness, a prayer, or a simple reminder of God’s faithfulness may be exactly what someone else needs to begin this year with hope.

May this new year not just feel different, but draw us deeper into the presence of God. His mercies are new, His love is steady, and His purposes for His people continue to unfold.

Blessings on the journey,

Justin



Lifeway® research

What comes to mind when you hear the word hospitality? For many of us, it's the sound of laughter around a dinner table, the smell of good food, or an evening spent hosting friends in our homes. These are beautiful expressions, but they only scratch the surface.

True, biblical hospitality runs deeper than entertainment. The difference often lies in focus. Entertaining centers on the host—our cooking, our home, our reputation. We fuss over whether everything looks perfect, hoping our guests leave impressed. But biblical hospitality turns that focus outward. It's not about presentation; it's about presence.

Read the full article at <https://bit.ly/4oZC1PV>

Author: Brad Brisco | The Send Network

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PASTORS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

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We invite you to to
meet our new Head of
School, Dr. Fred Eaves,
at a luncheon hosted
by The King's Academy!

 **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2026**
 **12:00 PM**
 **BRANDES DINING ROOM
202 SMOTHERS RD, SEYMOUR, TN**

Church Gifts			
November			
Alder Branch		Millican Grove	
Banner		Mountain View	\$742.65
Beech Springs		New Center	\$50.00
Bells Chapel		New Era	\$266.05
Bethel	\$100.00	New Salem	
Blowing Cave		Northview	
Boyd's Creek		Oak City	
Bradley's Chapel		Oldham's Creek	\$271.50
Calvary	\$25.00	Paw Paw Hollow	\$434.11
Connect	\$100.00	Pigeon Forge 1st	\$300.00
Covemont		Providence	
Dripping Springs		Red Bank	\$200.00
Dupont		Red Bank 1st	
Faith Fellowship		Richardson's Cove	
French Broad Valley	\$300.00	Roaring Fork	\$250.00
Friendship		Sevierville 1st	\$2,083.33
Gatlinburg First		Sevierville 2nd	\$125.00
Gists Creek	\$68.10	Seymour 1st	\$882.20
Grace	\$54.52	Shiloh	\$1,542.00
Gumstand		Sims Chapel	
Henderson Chapel	\$172.00	Smithwood	
Hills Creek		Sugar Loaf	
Howard's View		Union Valley	\$100.00
Hurst Chapel		Valley View	\$285.00
Jones Chapel	\$319.40	Walden's Creek	\$60.00
Knob Creek	\$169.56	Walnut Grove	\$200.00
Kodak		Wears Valley	\$308.00
Laurel Branch		Williamsburg	
Laurel Grove		Zion Grove	\$153.00
Lebanon		Zion Hill	\$162.00
Maples Branch	\$37.50	Individuals	\$20.00
TOTAL		\$9,780.92	

Praying for our Pastors

January 4th - 10th

David Gibson | Bells Chapel
Rick Gering | Bethel

January 11th - 17th

Philip Crick | Blowing Cave
Clay Sutton | Bradley's Chapel

January 18th - 24th

Cliff Carpenter | Calvary
Anthony Kendall | Connect

January 25th - 31st

Jack Huskey | Covemont
Jimmy Miller | Dripping Springs

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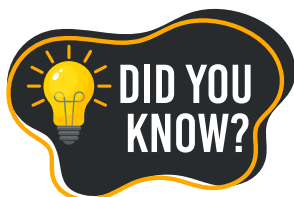
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **December 25th** - Merry Christmas!
- **January 7th** - Pastor's Learning Community
10:00am | SCBA Office
- **January 20th** - Campus Ministry Team Meeting
6:00pm | SCBA Office
- **January 26th** - Executive Board Meeting
6:30pm | SCBA Office

-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.



Humans are trichromatic (three colors – red, green, and blue), but chickens can see an extra color: ultraviolet light. Chickens' ability to see colors and patterns is beyond the human eye.





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