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#### OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SCBA

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## **Baptist Press**

"2024 is a presidential election year in a political environment that is remarkably polarized, divided, angry, and charged with emotion. When we face a season like this, there is plenty we can do to respond in a healthy way, but the most important thing we can do is pray. So, as the presidential campaign season gets underway, make a commitment that you will "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for its duration and then for our local, state, and national politics beyond that."

> Read the full article @ https://bit.ly/3VsQ1XA or scan the QR code



Article written by Jordan Wootten



# PREVIEW NIGHT 4/15/24



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HERE!

COME JOIN US IN THE BRANDES CAFETERIA FROM 6:00-7:30 AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHY THE KING'S ACADEMY SHOULD BE YOUR CHOICE FOR A CHRIST-CENTERED COLLEGE-PREP EDUCATION! AFTER THE SESSION, HANG AROUND FOR FREE ADMISSION TO WATCH OUR SPORTS TEAMS IN ACTION!







### FINDING HOPE IN AN EMPTY TOMB

By Justin Johnson | AMS

As we approach the joyful time of Easter, we are reminded of the cornerstone of our faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this pivotal moment of history, our salvation was sealed, and our hope was secured. Let us take a moment to reflect on the profound significance of this event and its enduring message of hope and joy.

The Easter story begins with the betrayal, crucifixion, and death of Jesus. Yet, His story didn't end in a tomb, amen? On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, triumphing over sin and death. This miraculous resurrection is the foundation of our faith, the ultimate manifestation of God's love for us. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we are offered forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life.

As we contemplate the Easter story, let us also examine our hearts. Are we living in accordance with the teachings of Jesus? Are we extending grace and love to those around us? This season calls for examination and renewal, a time to recommit ourselves to the values of compassion, humility, and forgiveness exemplified by Jesus. In the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties, it is easy to lose sight of the joy that comes from our faith. Yet, Easter reminds us that our joy is not dependent on external circumstances. It springs from the profound truth that God loves us unconditionally and has offered us salvation through His Son! This is a joy that transcends the fleeting pleasures of this world, a joy that sustains us through every trial and tribulation.

To those who are weary and burdened, Easter offers a message of hope. No matter how difficult our circumstances may be, we can find solace in the knowledge that Jesus has conquered death and promises us eternal life with Him in heaven. Let us turn to Him in our times of need, finding comfort and strength in His abiding presence.

As we celebrate Easter this year, may we be filled with gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus and the hope that His resurrection brings. Let us rekindle the joy of our salvation and share it with those around us, proclaiming the Good News to all who will listen. This is a season of renewal, of reflection, and ultimately, of rejoicing in the boundless love of our risen Lord.



## Open Church Positions

Roaring Fork Baptist Church in Gatlinburg is accepting resumes for "Youth Pastor". The position will require 15-20 hours per week & offer a competitive salary. The candidate chosen for this position will be supported by the whole Church body to ensure success in soul winning, leadership development, & discipleship.

Resumes may be sent to: pastorkimdmccroskey@gmail.com or communicate by phone @ 865-898-4428

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.

# Looking for ways to meet needs & share Jesus with our community? You will want to get plugged into this!





Scan to see current needs "Not only does Meet The Need release the bottle neck at the church staff level on getting serve opportunities to your congregants, but it empowers individuals to put their faith into action. The load has finally been lifted from outreach church staff, who feels the heavy burden of trying to connect gifted servants to needs in the community. Now, at a touch of a button people can match their own personal gifts and promptings."

#### THE VIEWPOINT

Church Gifts				
February 2024				
Alder Branch	\$776.00	Millican Grove	\$153.95	
Antioch		Mountain View	\$463.18	
Banner	\$100.00	New Center	\$50.00	
Beech Springs		New Era	\$263.30	
Bells Chapel		New Salem		
Bethel	\$200.00	Northview		
Blowing Cave		Oak City		
Boyds Creek	\$76.95	Oldham's Creek	\$142.90	
Bradley's Chapel		Paw Paw Hollow	\$461.40	
Calvary	\$25.00	Pigeon Forge 1st	\$396.30	
Connect	\$100.00	Providence		
Covemont		Red Bank	\$200.00	
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	\$653.41	
Gists Creek	\$100.00	Shiloh	\$1,368.00	
Grace	\$55.62	Sims Chapel		
Gumstand		Smithwood		
Henderson Chapel	\$246.00	Sugar Loaf		
Hills Creek		Union Valley		
Howard's View		Valley View	\$285.00	
Hurst Chapel		Walden's Creek	\$60.00	
Jones Chapel	\$486.30	Walnut Grove		
Knob Creek	\$120.69	Wears Valley	\$316.00	
Kodak		Williamsburg		
Laurel Branch		Zion Grove	\$188.00	
Laurel Grove		Zion Hill	\$255.00	
Lebanon		Individuals	\$650.00	
Maples Branch	\$61.50	TOTAL	\$11,087.83	

Praying f	or our Pastors
March 31st - April 6th	Pete Lamon   Banner Sam Grindstaff   Beech Springs
April 7th - 13th	David Gibson   Bells Chapel Philip Crick   Blowing Cave
April 14th - 20th	Shane Cogdill   Boyd's Creek Clay Sutton   Bradley's Chapel
April 21st - 27th	Cliff Carpenter  Calvary Anthony Kendall   Connect
April 28h - May 4th	Jack Huskey   Covemont Jimmy Miller   Dripping Springs

scan the code to sign up for text reminders about upcoming meetings



## **ASSOCIATION CALENDAR**

#### Calendar

- April 1-5 Spring Break
- April 7-8 State Evangelism Conference in Murfreesboro, TN
- April 8-10 TBC Secretaries Conference at FBC Sevierville Family Life Center
- April 11-13 WMU Missions Get-Together in Brentwood, TN
- April 22-23 Youth Pastor Summit in Nashville, TN
- April 29 Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm | SCBA Office

#### Birthdays

- April 1 Herb Caughron | Men's Ministry Director
- April 11 Valerie Owens | Red Bank First
- April 21 Bobby Owens | Red Bank First
- April 22 Justin Johnson | AMS
- April 25 Jack Hitch | Mountain View

#### Anniversaries

- April 5 Erle & Natasha Shepard | Kodak Community
- April 11 David & Kelly Gibson | Bells Chapel
- April 29 Kevin & Beverly Treadaway | Jones Chapel



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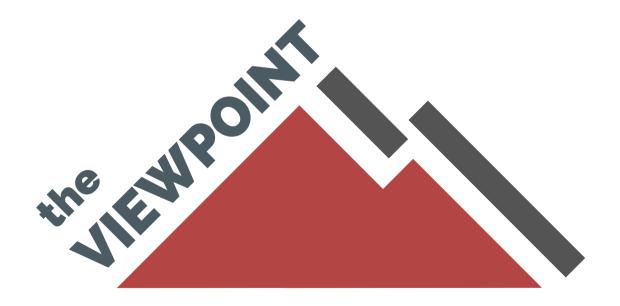
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