



THE VIEWPOINT

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“I’m a professor of evangelism and missions, but I still need reminders that I must intentionally choose to lead the way in doing evangelism. As I’ve read these quotes below, my burden has only increased to do this well as a professor and a pastor—both in modeling evangelism and equipping others to evangelize...”

Read more at <https://bit.ly/4aQ1d8e>

Author: Chuck Lawless | Baptist Press

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Open Church Positions

Churches without a pastor:

Grace Baptist Church
 Knob Creek 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.

Rick Gering is a bi-vocational lead pastor at Bethel Church in Sevierville, TN. In addition to pastoring, he is a church consultant through Thom Rainer's Church Answers. He assists churches in discovery of purpose, vision, values, and strategic initiatives. He can also provide leadership and staff development. He is currently available to come alongside you to help your church through a refocusing process. Please reach out to Rick at 479.561.7179 or pr@bethelinthesmokies.com.



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 Siquefield 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



“Faithfulness in Small Things”

Written by Justin Johnson | AMS

Winter has a way of quieting everything. The air feels still. The days are shorter. The pace of life seems to slow just a bit. Even in our churches and ministries, winter can feel quieter. Attendance dips. Activities pause. Energy sometimes fades. And in that quiet, it can be easy to wonder if what we're doing still matters ... It does.

Scripture reminds us that God has always worked powerfully through quiet obedience and faithful presence. Jesus said in Luke 16:10, “Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much.” That means every prayer offered, every sermon prepared, every conversation held with care, every act of kindness given in Jesus' name matters more than we realize.

We often measure impact by what is visible. Numbers. Growth. Momentum. But God measures faithfulness. He sees what no one else sees. He honors what the world often overlooks.

Paul encourages us in Galatians 6:9, “Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.” Winter reminds us that growth does not always look like activity. Sometimes growth is happening under the surface. Roots are deepening. Faith is being strengthened.

Seeds are being planted that will bear fruit in God's perfect timing.

So if ministry feels quiet right now, take heart. Quiet does not mean empty. Stillness does not mean God is absent. In fact, He often does His most important work in seasons when nothing seems to be happening at all.

And if you are in a place of strength and encouragement right now, look for someone else who may be weary. A word of affirmation, a note of gratitude, or a simple reminder that their faithfulness matters can be a powerful gift in a quiet season.

As we walk through this winter together, may we remain faithful in the small things. May we trust that God is working even when we cannot see it. And may we find peace in knowing that nothing done for His glory is ever wasted.

Blessings on the journey,

Justin




“Brighter Days”

Written by Joey Buck | Dollywood Chaplain

When Daylight Savings Time ended it was time to fall back with our clocks. The Dollywood Wellness Team decided to have some fun with our employees and attempt to brighten their evening with some lightbulbs which were donated to our team.

We setup a table near the employee bus stop and offered a box to each employee who passed by. “We know it’s a dark night with the time change, the Wellness Team is here to bring you some light. We have free light bulbs.” Many of our employee said they could use some light bulbs, or replied with “I needed a light today, thank you.” Each box displayed a sticker with the Bible verse: The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1). The nearby security guard was excited about the fun we were having and became a willing advocate by sending employees our way. Even our maintenance trucks were stopping by to check out the fun and receive free light bulbs.

At one point, a member of our team started singing this Bible verse. Another employee heard her sing and asked if we knew the hymn “At the Cross.” Together they sang a duet of this old gospel hymn at the bus stop! Throughout the evening several employees who had received support from the Wellness Team in the past shared with us privately about how they were doing. Being in place, being visible is being available. Thanks be to God and thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to some more bright ideas!



**PASTORS
APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON**

RSVP HERE!



www.bit.ly/4pOqFj7

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			
December			
Alder Branch	\$938.00	Millican Grove	\$477.00
Banner	\$200.00	Mountain View	\$1,054.54
Beech Springs	\$2,380.55	New Center	\$50.00
Bells Chapel		New Era	\$282.10
Bethel		New Salem	
Blowing Cave		Northview	
Boyds Creek		Oak City	
Bradley's Chapel		Oldham's Creek	\$222.50
Calvary	\$25.00	Paw Paw Hollow	\$475.00
Connect	\$100.00	Pigeon Forge 1st	\$461.58
Covemont		Providence	
Dripping Springs	\$712.78	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	\$80.02	Seymour 1st	\$922.45
Grace	\$66.39	Shiloh	\$1,561.00
Gumstand	\$500.00	Sims Chapel	
Henderson Chapel	\$183.00	Smithwood	
Hills Creek		Sugar Loaf	
Howard's View		Union Valley	\$200.00
Hurst Chapel		Valley View	\$285.00
Jones Chapel	\$329.95	Walden's Creek	\$60.00
Knob Creek	\$215.31	Walnut Grove	\$200.00
Kodak		Wears Valley	\$312.00
Laurel Branch		Williamsburg	
Laurel Grove	\$391.00	Zion Grove	\$188.00
Lebanon	\$331.00	Zion Hill	\$162.00
Maples Branch	\$26.00	Individuals	
TOTAL		\$16,350.50	

Praying for our Pastors


February 1st - 7th Bill Helton | Dupont
Lowell Wilson | Faith Fellowship

February 8th - 14th Brent Hickman | French Broad Valley
Danny Henry | Friendship

February 15th - 21st Nick Moore | FBC Gatlinburg
Tim Dixon | Gists Creek

February 22nd - 28th Richard Everett | Grace
Ronald Reagan | Gum Stand

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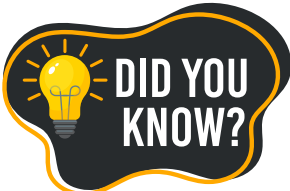
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-Calendar-

- **January 26th** - Executive Board Meeting
6:30pm | SCBA Office
- **February 4th** - Pastor's Learning Community
10:00am | SCBA Office
- **February 10th** - RESET Conference with TBMB
10:00 am | Knox County Baptist
- **February 17th** - Campus Ministry Team Meeting
6:00pm | SCBA Office
- **February 23rd** - Executive Board Meeting
6:30pm | SCBA Office

-In Other News-

- Please complete your church's ACP by February 2nd 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.



The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BCE to criticise those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words.



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