



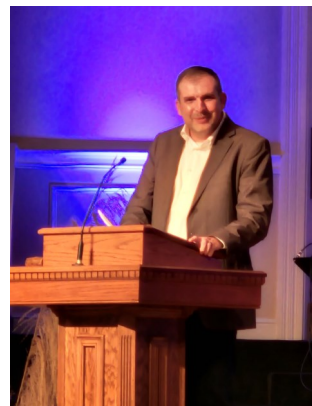
The Duck River Current

News from
the Duck River
Baptist Association

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Churches serving Christ together in Coffee, Franklin, & Grundy Counties...and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Sunday, October 22nd, the messengers and guests from the DRBA churches gathered at Rutledge Falls Baptist Church for the 197th Annual Meeting of the Duck River Baptist Association. Many thanks to Pastor Evan Owens and his congregation at Rutledge Falls Baptist Church for their hospitality. The theme was "Healthy Shepherds—Healthy Churches" with the keynote speaker being Pastor Keith Vaughan from Valley Grove Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN who delivered a powerful message on the importance of Healthy Shepherds and how it impacts the health of our churches.





Pastors & Wives Christmas Banquet

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6 PM

Come enjoy a delicious, catered holiday meal while you fellowship with other ministry couples.

This will take place at the DRBA Office



Don't forget to turn
your clocks back one
hour when Daylight
Saving Time ends on
November 5, 2023



**Don't throw your old literature
away!**

Send it to the mission field.

**December 12-15, the DRBA will host a
Literature Drive.**

**Please bring any gently used and unused
Sunday School, Discipleship Training, and
other Bible study materials to the Association
Office.**

You're Invited

Boynton Valley Baptist Church located at 2352
Boynton Valley Road is having a Fall Festival on
November 4th from 11-2.

They are planning a
hot dog lunch, crafts,
face painting, and a
local hay ride.....all for
free. Bring the kids
and grandkids for a
fun packed day.





Cumberland Baptist Church celebrates their annual homecoming.



Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

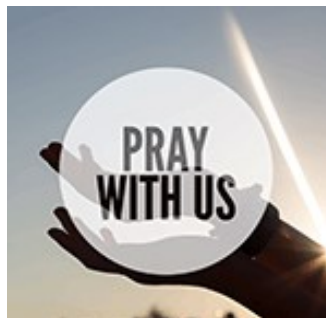
The first Monday of every November is the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Thousands of Baptist women gather around the world to pray for each other on this special day.

Ladies Prayer Time at
DRBA Offices

12:00 PM

First Friday of Every Month

Light Lunch Served



Men's Prayer Time at
DRBA Offices

8AM

Every Tuesday Morning

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



5 Ways to pray for Israel

1. Pray for peace in the Holy Land
2. Pray for the protection of innocent people in Israel
3. Pray for justice for Israel and blessings on the nations who come to her aid.
4. Pray for Christian believers in Israel
5. Pray that Christ would be made known as God fulfills His eternal purposes for Israel.



DRBA 2024 Partnership Missions Opportunities



Tonala, Chiapas, Mexico / February 15-22

This is a vision trip for church leaders to explore the opportunities for future ministry. They will engage in preaching and leadership training with local leaders. If it is agreed to pursue future ministry here, it is anticipated to return with a general team in late summer. Cost: \$900

Taipei, Taiwan, East Asia / March 14-23 & 21-30

Work with IMB missionaries to present the Gospel in public schools. Last march, more than 2,000 heard the Gospel (most for the first time). Cost \$1,800 plus meals. Commitment deadline: January 8th.

The Jesus Tent @ Bonnaroo / Manchester, TN / June 13-16

Minister to concert goers from around the world. More than 10,000 come through our tent in four days.

Serve refreshments and other acts of kindness. Strike up conversations and let the Spirit lead.

No cost, just a servant's heart. Register at www.theJesusTent.com.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada / July 13-20 & July 27-August 3

Lead VBS with immigrant children from around the world. Every religious background:

Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim, and nothing at all. Cost: \$1,000 plus meals. Commitment deadline: April 1st.

For more information or to sign-up for Mexico, contact Matt Ledbetter:

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For more information or to sign-up for Taiwan or Calgary, contact Mark Puckett:

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NOVEMBER

- 5 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 7 Pastor's Lunch, 12 PM DRBA Offices
- 12-15 TBC Summit, Chattanooga
- 22-24 DRBA office closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER

- 11 Pastor's & Wives Christmas Banquet
- 12-15 Used Literature Collection
- 12/24-1/1 DRBA office closed for Christmas Holidays



Annual Celebration of "See You At The Pole"

September 27th was the annual "See You at the Pole" in schools across the country. Students from Tullahoma High School gathered before school to pray together.



Visit our website at:
DuckRiverMissions.org

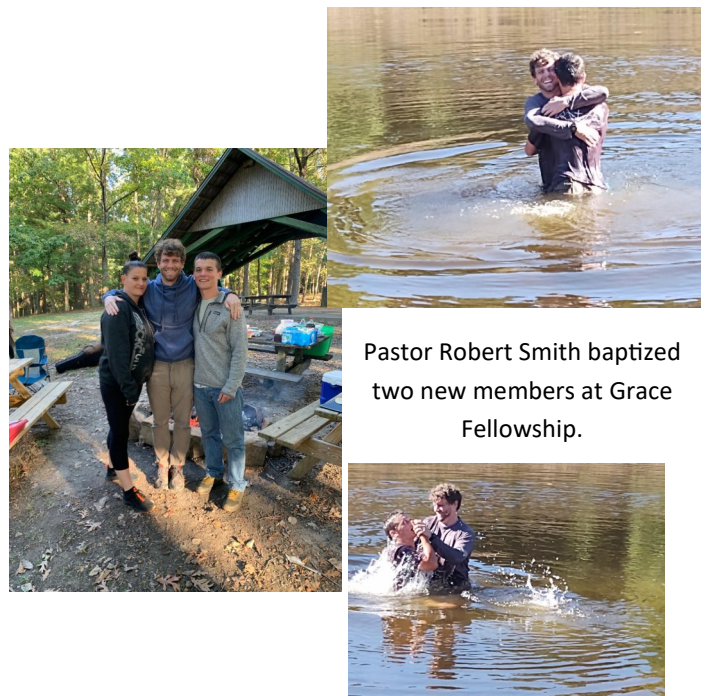


Counselor's Corner — Thriving during the Holidays

1. Maintain time for personal routines that help you thrive mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Journal gratitude's as well as losses. Allow time for the unexpected.
2. Pre-plan with whom (if anyone) and where you would like to stay if traveling. Respect your own, as well as others, needs for space and communication of boundaries.
3. Set financial limits for gifts. Stay within your budget. Focus on the celebration of relationships and purpose of the gathering. Maintain your sense of humor!
4. Monitor your sense of well-being vs stress. If getting too stressed, take some deep breaths, pray, listen to music, sing along or hum, play an instrument, get outside for a walk.

Praying for every reader, Peace in Jesus' Name as He is the Prince of Peace. May He make His way for us all and around the world through these next months for His Glory!

Nancy Garrison, Psy.D.



Pastor Robert Smith baptized two new members at Grace Fellowship.

How may we serve your church?

We're here to help.

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The Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is Sunday, November 5, 2023. Every two minutes, someone is killed for their faith. Together, we must pray for the millions of persecuted Christians as they face the world's greatest problem—**lostness**.

This is an opportunity for individuals and churches across the Southern Baptist Convention to unite in prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith. When we pray for persecuted believers, God uses their witness to inspire gospel transformation among the lost. **Will you join us in praying?**



EXPERIENCING
GOD

SOME STUDIES HELP YOU KNOW THE BIBLE.
THIS ONE HELPS YOU KNOW THE AUTHOR.

**12 week study begins Thursday, January 11,
6:30 PM @ the DRBA**

Facilitated by Mark Puckett / Cost: \$22 for book & videos
To enroll, email: duckriverbaptists@gmail.com