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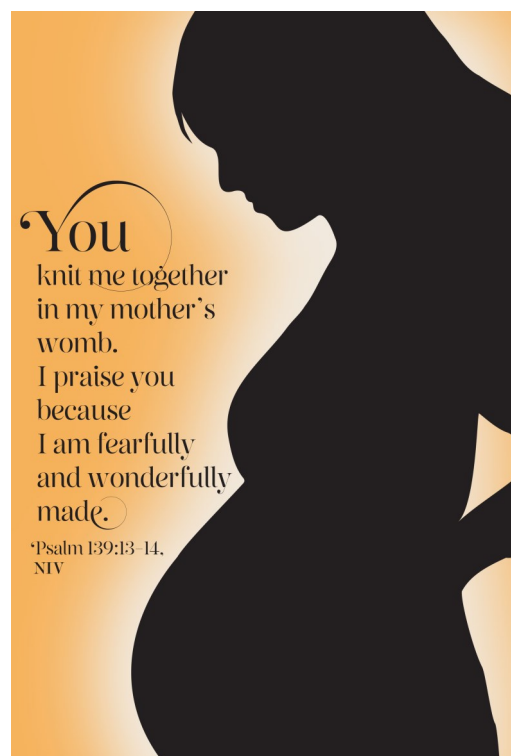
Churches serving Christ together in Coffee, Franklin, & Grundy Counties...and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

## Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 21, 2024

Sanctity of life simply means all human life is sacred. This sacredness is not a reflection of the goodness or holiness of man, because we are sinful. It reflects the origin of man because we were all created in the image of God.

The word sanctity comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means holy, sacred, or set apart. The Bible makes clear from the beginning that all life is sacred. This sacredness ties back to Genesis 1:26 when God said let us make man in our image. This means when you look around you, every human life you see has been created in the image of God and is a reflection of God.



## Counselor's Corner

January is a perfect time to consider building a resilient relationship. Resilient relationships, which thrive on love, patience, and gratitude, stand the test of time. The various aspects that make a relationship resilient, emphasizing communication, mutual support, understanding, and the power of gratitude. It is not just about overcoming challenges but also about creating a nurturing environment for love and camaraderie to flourish. It's about facing adversity together and emerging stronger.

Resilient relationships adapt and grow through both good and bad times. This growth is fostered by key traits that resilient couples share, such as vulnerability, a focus on getting it right together, willingness to change, effective apologies, and a deep appreciation for each other. Kindness acts as the glue in resilient relationships. It's about more than just affection; it's about mutual respect, support, and celebrating each other's successes.

In resilient relationships, the focus is on resolving issues and understanding each other, rather than on who is right. This approach avoids power struggles and fosters a collaborative environment where the relationship can grow. Apologies in resilient relationships go beyond mere words. They involve a genuine effort to understand the other person's viewpoint, empathize with their feelings, and a commitment to rebuild trust and integrity.

Anne Nelson



At our annual meeting in October, the Duck River Baptist Association unanimously called Genaro Orellana as our new Hispanic Missionary to DRBA. Genaro also serves as pastor of Iglesia Gracia, which meets at Grace Baptist Church in Tullahoma.

With the growing Spanish-speaking population in our area, we look forward to what the Lord will do through the ministry of Genaro and Iglesia Gracia.

Genaro will be ordained at Grace Baptist Church on January 14th at 5PM. Everyone welcome!

Duck River Baptist Association presents:

# Men's night of worship

@ RUTLEDGE FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
January 20, 2024 | Dinner at 5pm | Worship 6pm-8pm

**IN HIM**  
you also were sealed with the  
promised Holy Spirit when you  
heard the word of truth, the  
gospel of your salvation, and  
when you believed.

**Ephesians 1:13**

RSVP @ [drbamissions@gmail.com](mailto:drbamissions@gmail.com)

## Concert at Estill Springs First Baptist

### Don't Miss This Event

Karen Peck and New River will present an evening of gospel music at Estill Springs First Baptist Church on January 13th at 6PM. Free admission and an offering will be taken. Don't miss this tremendous opportunity to hear this group and worship with us.



The pastor/leaders Mexico Mission vision trip is scheduled for Feb. 15-22. We will have an information meeting on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. If you are interested in coming please let Matt know ASAP at [duckrivermissions@gmail.com](mailto:duckrivermissions@gmail.com)

This trip will consist of preaching, evangelism, leader training, going into schools, etc. Approximate cost is \$1000 depending on airfare.



# FINANCIAL ISSUES

Webinar for church treasurers, secretaries, financial secretaries, ministry assistants, business administrators, office managers, finance committee members or any person interested in church finances.

January 16, 2024

6:00-7:30 PM CDT

Deborah Taylor, CPA will lead the webinar over Zoom.

No cost, but pre-registration is REQUIRED. Contact Heather Beard at [hbeard@tnbaptist.org](mailto:hbeard@tnbaptist.org) or 615.371.2061 for further information.



**How may we serve your church?**

**We're here to help.**

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If you are interested in the Disaster Relief ministry there will be a meeting on Saturday, January 13th at the Duck River Baptist Association office at 10AM, led by Director of Missions, Matt Ledbetter. If this is something you/your church would be interested in, please call (931) 455-5072 and let us know that you will be attending.



# 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](mailto:duckriverbaptists@gmail.com)