



Baptist Beacon

Save the Date

What: 2023 Nashville Baptist Association Annual Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 20 at 11:00am

Where: Nashville First Baptist Church

Check the Baptist Beacon, nashvillebaptists.com and our Facebook page for more details as they become available.

Webinars

Peer Learning Webinar

Each month, the association will offer a Peer Learning Webinar in which a church leader from our association will share valuable and practical skills and insight relevant to a particular area of ministry.

Topic: Engaging the Church in Foster Care and Adoption

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 25 at noon

Presenter: Ryan Wicker, First Baptist Dickson

Registration: nashvillebaptists.com/peer-learning

Check this page regularly for upcoming topics and presenters.

Last month's webinar, "Church Budgeting Tune-up," led by Lyle Larson of First Baptist Goodlettsville, is available to watch at nashvillebaptists.com/peer-learning.

Churches Planting Churches Webinar

Our Church Planting Strategist leads a discussion about how our churches can plant and grow new congregations in Nashville and the surrounding areas.

Topic: Challenges and Opportunities for a Church Planter

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 25 at 11am

Presenter: Thomas Hunter of Nehemiah Baptist Church

Registration:

nashvillebaptists.com/churches-planting-churches

Around the Association

Hope Fellowship Church, Smyrna

Food, Fun, and Fireworks! Let's Celebrate Together! Join us Sunday, July 2nd at 6:30 on the lawn at Hope. Bring a picnic dinner, blanket, chairs and \$ for Kona Ice. All fireworks are provided.

First Baptist Nashville

Join us downtown for Games, Giveaways, and Fun this Fourth of July! The bash will run from 5pm to 8:30pm.

To see your church event, need, or accomplishment listed here, please call the NBA office or email Alicia at adarnell@nashvillebaptists.com.

Follow us on Facebook for more church news and events.

Free Resource

This month's free resource is *Reclaiming Glory* by Mark Clifton, who draws not only upon his own burden for revitalizing churches but also upon years of church replanting experience to offer practical counsel for revitalizing or replanting a church in decline. The association has several copies of this book available for local church leaders. Call the NBA office at 615-259-3034 to claim a copy.

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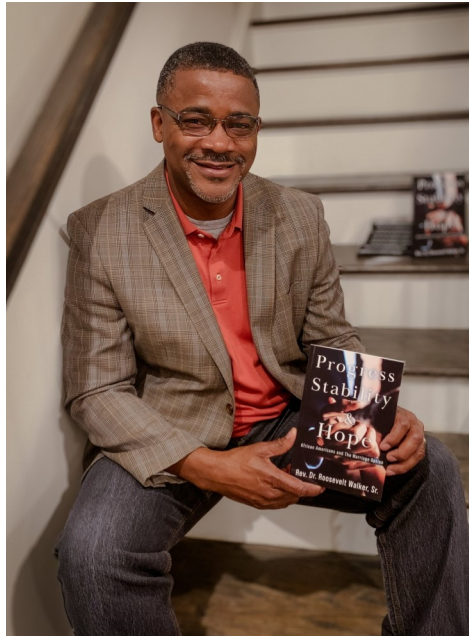
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Pastor Profile

Roosevelt Walker Faith United Missionary Baptist Church

Roosevelt Walker, a native Arkansan, married the former Benita J. Blood in 1988. They are the parents of two young adult sons, Roosevelt Jr. (married to Kristen) and Zachary (married to Dorinda), and the proud grandparents of a grandson and two granddaughters. Roosevelt and Benita have been involved in marriage enrichment ministry through teaching and couple counseling since 1998 (www.wia2ministries.com). Roosevelt holds a Doctorate of Ministry with a concentration in Formational Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio; a Master of Divinity from Virginia Union University, Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas.



What is your favorite local Nashville restaurant?

No favorite restaurant, as long as the food, price, and service is right, I'm good.

How would you spend a day off with no ministry responsibilities?

I would sleep in, and then go for a nice jog. Basically spend the day resting.

What Bible verse or passage is particularly meaningful to you right now?

Galatians 2:20

Is there a quote that has stuck with you and influenced the way you have thought or behaved?

Yes. The best way to live is in the way of Gal. 2:20: "The life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

What is one exciting thing God is doing in your church right now?

Emerging the church's ministry out of its "forced hibernation" due to Covid.

Welcome New Pastors!

Austin Jones Neely's Bend Baptist Church



Austin began serving as Pastor of Neely's Bend Baptist Church in May of 2023. He and his wife Ashton have been married for 4 years and have a daughter. In May of 2023, Austin graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Chase Sears Tulip Grove Baptist Church

Dr. Chase Sears is the husband of Sarah, and father of Grace (15), Hannah (14), Andrew (11), Lillian (7), and Luke (6). They most recently resided in the Dallas/Ft Worth area where he served as the Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Southwestern Baptist



Theological Seminary. Prior to that, Dr. Sears served for 11 years at Oak Park Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, IN as first the Family Pastor and then Senior/Lead Pastor for 7 years.