



Baptist Beacon

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: Church Budgeting Tune-up

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 20 at noon

Presenter: Lyle Larson, First Baptist Goodlettsville

Registration: nashvillebaptists.com/peer-learning

Check this page regularly for upcoming topics and presenters.

"Partnering with an International Congregation" led by Terry Hudgins of Tusculum Hills, will be rescheduled.

More information and previous webinars can be found by visiting 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: Bi-Vocational Pastors and church Planting

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 27 at 11am

Presenter: Matt Harris, Broadmoor Baptist

Registration:

nashvillebaptists.com/churches-planting-churches

Free Resource

This month's free resource is a report on the Spiritual State of Nashville. This research project came from a partnership between Barna Research Group and Operation Andrew, and answers such questions as how Gen Z views the church in Nashville, what Boomers believe the five most pressing issues in the city are, and what would make an unchurched person in Nashville show up at church. The study can be downloaded here:

<https://operationandrew.org/state-of-nashville/>

Around the Association

NBA Woman's Missionary Union

Our WMU invites you to a Tea Party on Saturday June 24. The event will begin at 10:00am at Judson Baptist Church. Susan Foster, the Church at Harpeth Heights Missions Minister, will speak about sharing the Gospel around the world with Tea Parties, including details of her recent tea party in Belize.

Grace Community Church will be hosting a viewing of Show Hope's Hope for the Journey Conference on June 17. This conference is designed to encourage and equip parents and caregivers, meeting the everyday needs of children impacted by adoption and/or foster care. For more details, visit gccnashville.org.

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

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Openings and Opportunities

To have your resume forwarded to churches seeking a pastor, worship leader, or other ministry personnel, please submit a current resume to general@nashvillebaptists.com.

Bellevue Baptist is looking for a **piano player**. This is a Sunday morning only position, paying \$100 per week. Please email enzoenzo1945@gmail.com.

Job descriptions and more openings can be found of our website at nashvillebaptists.com/nba-jobs.

Nashville Baptist Association has a policy of publishing job openings for ministerial and support positions when a church requests us to do so. In our desire to assist churches to fill vacancies, NBA will continue to offer this service at no charge. For more information call (615) 259-3034.

Pastor Profile

John Rollins
Simeon Baptist Church
simeonchurch.com

A native of Johnson City, TN, Rev. John served in the U.S. Air Force for eight and a half years before graduating from UT Knoxville with a business degree. He later received his Masters Degree from Union University in Christian Studies.

He was licensed, ordained, and commissioned as a minister in October 2003 at Simeon Baptist Church in Antioch and became Pastor in January 2012. In 2015, he received his Masters Degree from Union University in Christian Studies.

He is currently serving as pastor of Simeon Baptist Church for the past 10 years and is one of the charter members. The church is located in the Antioch community and just celebrated 30 years of existence this year.

He is currently serving as Treasurer of the National African American Fellowship (NAAF) of the SBC; on the Board of Directors of the TBMB/New Church Objectives Committee; all while serving on the EC of the Nashville Baptist Association.

God has also allowed Rev. Rollins to facilitate various conferences from Ridgecrest, NC to Glorietta, NM, leading courses such as "Deacons as Leaders," "Deacons: Servant Models in the Church," "Equipping Deacons to Confront Conflict," and "Accounting for Small Churches."

Married for over 50 years, he and his wife and best friend, the exquisite Karen Rollins, have been blessed with a beautiful daughter, Nayeka (Niki), and handsome son, John II (JR), along with five grandchildren: Jamilah, Jada, Avaya, John III (Tre'), and Joseph. One handsome son-in-law, Lamarius, and one special daughter-in-law, Nerissa.



Pastor John Rollins with his wife Karen.

What is your favorite local Nashville restaurant?
Perry's Steakhouse and Tokyo Steakhouse

How would you spend a day off with no ministry responsibilities?
Time off is rare, but just spending time watching my grandson play ball is enjoyable. I also enjoy being with my wife as she shops various malls! Sneaking in a nap here and there is also nice.

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

Isaiah 12:2 – *"...God is my salvation; I will trust him and not be afraid, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation."* In a world that is chaotic, it is comforting to know I have a God who saved me...holds me in His hands. Therefore, I trust in Him to give me strength for each day. And I am able to hum and sing to Him each day.

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

Vivian Greene quoted, "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." We are always in the midst of a storm...but keep your eye on the One who will bring you through the storm.

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

I am excited that our church is focusing on the power of prayer! Simeon Church is being strengthened through praying in faith, knowing God hears, listens, and responds in His own time to our requests. We are seeing an omnipotent God answering our prayers.

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