



# Baptist Beacon

## Around the Association

The **123rd Annual Meeting of the Nashville Baptist Association** will take place on **Wednesday, September 20**. This year's meeting will begin at **11:00AM** at **Nashville First Baptist Church** (108 7th Ave S) and will include lunch. In order to help us plan, we ask that church messengers please register as soon as possible: [nashvillebaptists.com/annual-meeting](http://nashvillebaptists.com/annual-meeting)

### NBA Church Library Ministry Network

The launch of our new NBA Church Library Ministry Network will be a Meet & Greet at Forest Hills Baptist Church from 10am to noon on September 21. For more information: [churchlibrarians.ning.com/events](http://churchlibrarians.ning.com/events).

### Sunday School Regional Roundtables

"Breakthrough: Creating a New Scorecard for Group Ministry Success." Regional Roundtables focus on four essential measurements of group success, plus sixteen diagnostic questions to help groups discover the core practices that lead to health and vitality. Join us to experience breakthrough thinking that leads to breakthrough action. September 14 at the NBA office. Space is limited. [lifeway.com/regionalroundtables](http://lifeway.com/regionalroundtables)

The **Journey Church** is hosting the Replant Middle Tennessee Conference on September 15-16. Admission is free. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about what TJC and like minded churches are doing to revitalize and replant local churches. Register at [tjclive.com/events/replant-middle-tennessee](http://tjclive.com/events/replant-middle-tennessee).

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

Follow us on Facebook for more church news and events.

## 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:** Helping Parents Become Disciplemakers

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, September 19 at noon

**Presenter:** Rich Smith, Judson Baptist Church

**Registration:** [nashvillebaptists.com/peer-learning](http://nashvillebaptists.com/peer-learning)

Check this page regularly for upcoming topics and presenters.

Last month's webinar, "Partnering with an International Congregation," led by Terry Hudgins of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, is available to watch at [nashvillebaptists.com/peer-learning](http://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.

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, September 26 at 11am

**Presenter:** TBD

**Registration:**

[nashvillebaptists.com/churches-planting-churches](http://nashvillebaptists.com/churches-planting-churches)

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I was born in Meridian, MS in August 1989. My father and mother came to faith in Christ when I was a young boy, so I remember going to church my entire life. I have one younger brother, Charlie, and we had a great upbringing with amazing parents. Although I grew up in the church, I did not come to faith in Christ until the summer after I graduated high school.

I attended Mississippi State University for my undergrad studies. It was there I met my wife, Bethany. I graduated in 2012 and moved to Belzoni, MS to teach, coach, and serve as a bi-vocational youth pastor. During my one and only year teaching and coaching, God called me into vocational ministry. As soon as the school year ended I prepared to move to New Orleans, LA to pursue an MDiv degree from NOBTS. After being in seminary for almost two years, Beth and I married in May 2015. I graduated with my MDiv in December 2017.

From the time I moved to New Orleans until now, I have served in several part-time and full-time church positions. I began serving in my current role at Grace Baptist Church as senior pastor in January 2020. Our family has lived in Tennessee for almost seven years and in that time we have welcomed three awesome boys into the mix (Cooper, 5; Graham, 3; Wesley, 4 months). They are such a joy to us and we are grateful for our family. We are also grateful that God has allowed us to serve at GBC Nashville for the last three and a half years and we look forward to where He leads our church body!



**What is your favorite local Nashville restaurant?** It's a toss-up between Mas Tacos and Hawkers.

**How would you spend a day off with no ministry responsibilities?** I would cut the grass, spend time with my family, and grill out for supper. This is where I am in life.

**What Bible verse or passage is particularly meaningful to you right now?** Proverbs 3:5-6. I know that sounds cliché, however, I preached through portions of Proverbs this summer and this particular passage has been so helpful to come back to recently.

**What is one exciting thing God is doing in your church right now?** One young man has recently surrendered to the ministry in our church. I'm excited to work with him over the next several months to see what God does in his life as he follows Him.

## Free Resource

Each month, the association will provide a free resource to the readers of the newsletter. These resources are meant to be practical, helpful, and relatable, just as we are working to be as an association.

Churches of the Nashville Baptist Association can apply for financial assistance for events such as: Christmas Toy Store, Specialized Missions Programs, Vacation Bible School help, Property repair and assistance, and more. Call or email the office for more information.

## Openings and Opportunities

**Parkway Baptist Church** in Goodlettsville is looking for a Part-time Church Financial Secretary. Send resumes to [bobby@parkwaybc.net](mailto:bobby@parkwaybc.net). See [nashvillebaptists.com/nba-jobs](http://nashvillebaptists.com/nba-jobs) for a more detailed description.

Job descriptions and more openings can be found on our website at [nashvillebaptists.com/nba-jobs](http://nashvillebaptists.com/nba-jobs).