Messenger

November 2026



The 199th Annual Meeting of the Nolachucky Baptist Association

The 199th Annual Meeting of the Nolachucky Baptist Association was held on Tuesday, October 20 at Alpha Baptist Church, Morristown. Thank you Alpha for hosting! Attending the meeting were 220 registered messengers and guests from 34 churches. There were 25 pastors in attendance.



Kelly Wilson led the worship with beautiful songs from the choir and the congregation. Songs included *I Stand Upon the Rock Medley, Christ Our Hope in Life & Death, Jesus Only Jesus, and Yahweh.* Special music was presented by soloist, Kelly Wilson.



Rev. Scott Helton of Fairfield Baptist Church brought the message entitled *"Moving Forward Together"* from Ephesians 4:11-16. Scott began with his testimony and how so many people and leaders in Nolachucky churches had helped and encouraged him his whole life, working together. Scott's first point was "Moving", doing the work of the ministry. Scott encouraged the Nolachucky churches to be moving, which is an action. He told everyone to do his/her part and do the best they can to build up and encourage the work of the ministry. Scott's second point was "Forward", growing in God's word, being more Christ-like, and growing the body of Christ. Statistics show 63 million people die each year and only 32% claim to be Christians. That means 68%, more than 42 million, will go to hell. Scott's final point was "Together", united in our faith and knowledge of Jesus. Scott reminded us that the word of God unites and strengthens us. He also reminded us that every part of the church must do their share. Scott had a wonderful illustration of how the church has an inward focus, unable to move forward. He encouraged us to maintain an outward focus and keep our eyes on those who need salvation.



During the business session the Credentials Committee recommended East Point Church be accepted into the membership of the Association. The Budget Proposal and Nominations Committee Report for 2026-27 were adopted. **Rev. Will Scott** was elected to serve as Moderator and **Rev. Heath Smith** will serve as Assistant Moderator. **Kristi Williams** was elected as Co-Director of the WMU and Annette Elmore steps away from that position.

David Hawkins, Director of Missions, presented Counselor **Jean Ann Gray** with a gift and plaque for her 28 years of service to the Nolachucky Association and its churches.



Local ministry directors shared reports from their ministries. **Rev. Gene Nelson**, TBMB Harvest Field 6 representative, presented a plaque to Rev. David Hawkins for the Golden Offering receipts from Nolachucky churches The TBMB donates 15% of affiliated church GOTM offerings back to the association for evangelism, church planting, and church strengthening.



The meeting ended with the passing of the gavel from **Rev. Travis Webb** to **Rev. Will Scott** who then led in the closing prayer.



THE SUMMIT

November 15-17, 2026

Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN

The Summit is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists. You probably know it as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Summit includes the Pastors Conference, the annual meeting, and everything in between.

http://tnbaptist.org/summit2026/



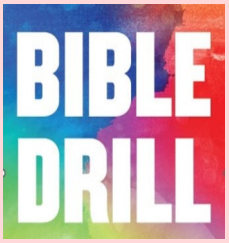
The 2027–28 WMU Foundation Scholarship

If you or a student you know is preparing for higher education or seminary to pursue God's call, we encourage you to apply. Forward this to a student, seminary student, or church leader who needs to see this! View all scholarship criteria and start your application today. —*WMU Foundation*

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BIBLE DRILL materials for Children, Jr. High, High School, and Bible Drill Jr. are available on the TBC website. Involve your kids in this valuable discipleship program. Check out the TBC website for more information.

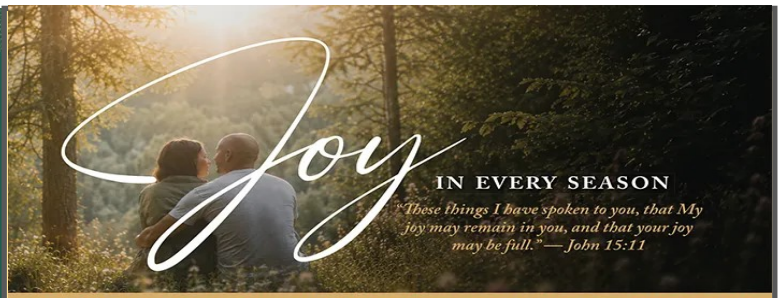
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RECYCLE CHURCH LITERATURE

It's time to recycle church literature and materials through CROSS Ministries. Please bring materials to God's Warehouse. Thank you!



BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS AND WIVES RETREAT

January 28–30, 2027 | Music Road Hotel & Convention Center

Cost is $275 and covers hotel, meals and breaks. Deposit scholarships of $100 are available for Nolachucky pastors with the balance of $175 due by December 8, 2026 (to Tennessee Baptist Mission Board) to reserve the room.

Please notify the Nolachucky office by November 3, 2026 to secure a scholarship for this retreat.



Churches across Tennessee packed backpacks to be distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children in Tennessee as well as areas of the Appalachian Mountains region. Backpacks filled with toys, clothing articles, hygiene items and food to give to children as Christmas gifts were received at Manley Baptist Church, which served as the East TN collection center on October 19-21. Pictured below are Beth Moore (center) TBMB Compassion Ministries; Gene Nelson, TBMB Harvest Field Leader; Rebecca (far left) & Natilee (far right) from Manley Baptist Church.



Local Ministry Opportunities

Alpha Baptist Church, Morristown, TN, is seeking **part time Worship Minister/Worship Director** working in conjunction with the senior pastor. Candidate will plan and implement blended worship music. Candidate must adhere to the BF&M 2000, lead choir and direct instrumentalist/praise band. Additional information and full job description is available at www.alphabaptist.com/employment-oppprtunities

Bethel Baptist Church is seeking a **Director of Music**. Please submit resumes to bethelbaptistmtn@gmail.com

Hillcrest Baptist Church in Morristown, TN, is seeking a **co-vocational Worship Pastor or Director** to lead our music and worship ministry, working alongside the Pastor to plan meaningful, Christ-centered worship across weekly services, graded choirs, and special church-wide events. To apply: Send your resume and brief testimony to office@hillcrestbaptistchurch.net

Lebanon Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **full time pastor.** Resumes may be submitted by email to: mylebanonbaptist@gmail.com or mailed to Lebanon Baptist Church 7925 Greenbriar Road, Talbott, TN 37877.

Whitesburg First Baptist Church is seeking a **Bi-Vocational Pastor** who feels called to serve alongside us and help lead our church into the future. We are a small, close knit church family who loves the Lord, one another and our community. Resumes may be submitted to tamyshepard@gmail.com



Financial Donations for Disaster Relief and/or God's Warehouse

can be made to:

Nolachucky Baptist Association

PO Box 326, Morristown, TN 37815

Donate online: Nolachuckybaptistassociation.org

Click Give Online—Select Disaster Relief or God's Warehouse

Text **NOLBAPT** and the amount to **73256**

God's Warehouse

3441 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy.
Morristown, TN 37814
Hours of operation are Monday — Friday 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
(423-312-6883) or (865-384-8691)

Emergency Donations for Disaster Response

Clean up Supplies

- Box knives
- Hammers
- Flat pry bars
- Flat shovels
- Tyvek suits
- Wheelbarrows
- Rubber gloves
- Floor squeegees
- Large heavy duty garbage bags
- Water hoses
- Mosquito repellent
- Cleaning supplies
- Mops, brooms, buckets
- Scoop shovels
- Safety glasses
- Leather gloves
- Long rubber gloves
- Mechanic type gloves
- Small scrub brushes
- Box Fans
- Tarps
- Push Brooms

Paper Products

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- New dishes
- New towels & washcloths

Miscellaneous

- New sheets
- New blanket

Perishable Items

- Baby Formula/baby food Must be within date
- Gatorade/Powerade
- Individually wrapped snack foods with long-shelf life (**NO** expired food)
- Food with long shelf life (**NO** expired food)

Clothing

- New Clothing **Nothing Used**
- New underwear and bras. All sizes in original package
- New socks in all sizes
- New shoes, sneakers and sandals
- New Adult clothing
- New Baby clothing
- New Children's clothing

Personal Care Items

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener
- Dryer sheets
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap
- Deodorant, anti-perspirant
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Baby wipes
- Diapers
- Adult Diaper

All perishable items must be within the date and not expired.

We do not accept used clothing.

Hurricane Isaias

Disaster Relief driver Patrick Gaines delivered Hurricane Relief Supplies to Milton, Florida on October 16 & 17. Currently we have a team of five that are working in the Milton area. They are Earl Kennedy, Dale Moles, Linda Rothery, Larry Sharp and Dave Weaver.








East TN Foundation

The Nolachucky Baptist Association recently received grant money from the East TN Foundation. The Foundation provided a $1,000 grant for God's Warehouse from the Lovett Fund. Also, Disaster Relief was awarded a grant for Emergency Preparedness for Hamblen County in the amount of $997.18.

Congo Delivery

Container of supplies recently shipped and unloaded.





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Pastors & Wives Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays in November:

Nov. 5 .....Mrs. Judy Bible, Bible's Chapel
Nov. 6.....Mrs. Jennifer Wisecarver, Beulah
Nov. 15 ..... .Rev. Stanley Carpenter, Three Springs
Nov. 19.....Mrs. Joyce Bell, Bethel
Nov. 19.....Rev. Lance Cummings, Enterprise
Nov. 23.....Rev. Tom Wells, Pleasant Ridge
Nov. 27.....Rev. Scott Ingram, Omega

Celebrating Anniversaries in November:

Nov. 6 ..... Rev. & Mrs. Travis Bowden, Calvue
Nov. 6.....Rev. & Mrs. Carl Crigger, Central
Nov. 16 .....Rev. & Mrs. George Miller, Grace Point
Nov. 28 ..... Rev. & Mrs. Scott Ingram, Omega



PASTORS & MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP

Devotion, Fellowship and Luncheon
Monday, November 2, 11:30 a.m.
Davy Crockett Restaurant
Devotion: Dr. Kenny Boling, Morningside
Lunch will follow the devotion.

Online donations can be made to the Nolachucky budget or designated to any of our Nolachucky ministries. Click **Give Online** and follow instructions. **Text giving** is also available: text **NOLBAPT** and the amount to **73256.** Both options are simple, easy, convenient and secure ways to donate.

