



Summit Breakout Sessions

These breakout sessions offer attendees the opportunity for networking, fellowship, and idea sharing. These are not lectures where you sit and listen to a speaker. They are interactive affinity group sessions centered around different topics of interest.

You can register for this year's breakout sessions here: [Summit 2026 Breakout Sessions](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (Includes a \$15 boxed lunch)

Strengthening Gospel Leaders

Led by Joe Sorah, Strengthening Gospel Leaders, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Ministry can be hard. It can be financially challenging, emotionally draining, spiritually depleting, physically exhausting, and relationally disconnecting. Serving Well can seem like another unrealistic expectation. But it is possible. Our team wants to help you in that pursuit. The goal of the Strengthening Gospel Leader Team is to help Tennessee's Gospel Leaders to Serve Well. Join us over lunch as we explore the initiatives planned for the coming year to aid in the journey toward wellness.

The Mark of Church Health that Changes Everything

Led by Daryl Crouch, Strengthening Healthy Churches, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Why is church health important? What's the actual goal? In this breakout, we will explore those questions and develop motivations that mobilize the church to pursue the mission of God.

Strengthening Evangelistic Disciples

Led by Ryan Keaton, Strengthening Evangelistic Disciples, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Join us for the Strengthening Evangelistic Disciples Lunch! Come celebrate what God has done over the past year as we share stories of discipleship impact from across Tennessee. You'll receive practical tools and resources to help you grow as a disciple-maker, encourage others in your church, and multiply evangelistic discipleship in your community. We'll also look ahead to exciting opportunities for 2027 and discuss how we can work together to see more people reached with the gospel throughout Tennessee. Enjoy a great meal, meaningful conversation, and encouraging fellowship with others who are passionate about making disciples. We hope you'll join us!

“Why” Prayer Matters

Led by Nancy Duggin, Prayer Catalyst, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Prayer was never meant to feel boring or burdensome. Prayer matters because it is one of the ways God sovereignly accomplishes His will in us and in the world. Jesus' life was consistently shaped by prayer, and we will take a brief yet meaningful look at His prayer life. Jesus prayed with purpose and mission—and He continues to intercede even now. We will also share practical tips for beginning or strengthening your church's prayer ministry.

Growing Acts 1:8 Disciples

Led by Vickie Anderson, Executive Director - Treasurer, Tennessee Women's Missionary Union; Wes Jones, Disaster Relief

Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board; Beth Moore, Compassion Ministries Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Join us to discover how your church can mobilize every member—from preschoolers to senior adults—to live out Christ's mission from your Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Whether you're looking to spark missions awareness in children, equip adults for crisis response, or create meaningful pathways for ministry involvement, this lunch will offer practical ways to build an Acts 1:8 culture that engages everyone in missions and ministry. Don't miss this opportunity to discuss how Tennessee Baptists can pray, give, and go!

AI, Ethical Dilemmas, and Implications for Pastoral Ministry

Led by Chris Turner, Communications Director and Baptist & Reflector Editor, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

A discussion of the ethical use of AI and leveraging tools without sacrificing your soul.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM *(Includes a \$15 boxed lunch)*

Who's Got Next?

Led by Josh Franks, Multiplying Gospel Leaders, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Principles for Identifying Your Next Generation of Leaders

The Church Planting Roadmap

Led by Lewis McMullen, Multiplying Healthy Churches, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

This breakout lays out eight simple mile markers that assist a church to become a multiplying Church and to plant a healthy multiplying church.

Living Evangelistically

Led by Roc Collins, Multiplying Evangelistic Disciples, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Discussing Practical ways to live Evangelizing everyday!

Weakness: Your Ministry's Secret Strength

Led by Debbie Stewart, Children's Minister and Counselor, Second Baptist Church, Clinton

What if your greatest ministry weakness could become a catalyst for growth? Grab your boxed lunch and join Debbie Stewart, Children's Minister at Second Baptist Church in Clinton, Tennessee, to discover how recognizing our weaknesses can actually help our ministries grow by making room for leaders whose strengths complement our own. Come ready to laugh, learn, share ideas, and leave with practical ways to build a stronger team—because you were never meant to do ministry alone.

Revitalizing Your Student Ministry

Led by Corwin Kulig, Student Pastor, First Baptist Sevierville

Is your student ministry stuck? Are students disengaged, leaders unmotivated, or the culture simply not what you hoped it would be? Whether you've just stepped into a struggling ministry or you've been leading for years and need fresh momentum, you don't have to stay where you are. Revitalizing Your Student Ministry is a practical breakout for student pastors and leaders who are ready to build fresh momentum—whether they're stepping into a ministry with a difficult culture or feeling stuck in a long-standing rut. Together, we'll identify what may be holding your ministry back and explore simple, actionable tools to strengthen culture, re-engage students and volunteers, and create a clear path forward. The goal is that you will leave with practical next steps and tools you can begin applying immediately in your unique ministry context.

Together for the Campus: Local Churches and BCM Reaching the Next Generation Together

Led by BCM Staff, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

College students continue to navigate a rapidly changing world, and this generation requires us all working together to reach them. In this breakout we'll explore how local churches and BCM partner together strategically to understand the needs of today's college student, disciple and mobilize them, and reach the whole campus with the gospel.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Pursuing Biblical Renewal: Practical Pathways for Helping Churches Move Forward.

*For Associational Leaders, Pastors serving on Associational Renewal Teams and anyone interested in helping churches regain vitality.

Led by Bob Bickford, Executive Director, Nashville Baptist Association

Accurately assessing church health, recognizing readiness, and developing intervention and renewal strategies aimed at restoring and recovering church vitality. Participants will be able to:

- Assess church vitality using common indicators of health, decline, and readiness.
- Map every church by health condition and readiness to change.
- Select the appropriate response for growing, plateaued, declining, and closure-risk churches.
- Approaching change resistant congregations through conversational dialogue
- Establish milestones, evaluation measures, and exit criteria.

Worship Today: Where We Are & Where We're Going

Led by Kirk Kirkland, Director of Lifeway Worship and Wayne Causey, Worship Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Kirk Kirkland, Director of Lifeway Worship, will share updates on what's new at Lifeway Worship, as well as insights into the current state of worship in Tennessee Baptist churches.

Protecting Your Ministry: Safeguarding Your People, Property, and Mission

Led Dylan Bacon, Commercial Property & Casualty Producer, GuideStone®

This session equips ministry leaders with a deeper understanding of today's insurance environment and the unique property and casualty risks they face. Attendees will explore coverage options, key factors driving rising costs, and proven risk management practices that help ministries safeguard their people, property, and mission.

Preparing Evangelistic Sermons: Preaching that is Biblically Faithful and Evangelistically Fruitful

Led Danny Sinquefeld, Harvest Field One Team Leader, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, and Roc Collins, Multiplying Evangelistic Disciples, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

These seasoned pastors will share from their experience how they approach every text with a focus on the gospel. A passionate appeal to salvation and a call to share Jesus with others is foundational in the preaching of the Word.

Developing a Communications Strategy for Your Church

Led by Darrel Girardier, Executive Director of Ministry Resources, Brentwood Baptist Church

Developing a Communications Strategy for Your Church explores how churches can cut through the growing noise of modern communication by focusing on a few key priorities, reducing message overload, and communicating more strategically across an increasing number of channels. This session encourages church leaders to move beyond simply pushing announcements and instead build communication strategies that align with the church's mission, priorities, and desired outcomes.

Leading Up: How to Lead When You're the Youngest Person in the Room

Led by Ryan Keaton, Strengthening Evangelistic Disciples, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Leadership isn't about age; it's about character, humility, and influence. Learn practical, biblical principles for earning trust, communicating with wisdom, and leading confidently while honoring those with more experience.