

# THE CONNECTOR



We want to extend an invitation to our bi-vocational pastors to attend our upcoming Bi-vocational round table happening on July 27th, 2023. The meeting venue is Shoney's, and it will commence at 7 PM. It is our pleasure to inform you that this event is open to all bi-vocational BEBA pastors, and we would be honored to have you join us.

We hope you will attempt to join us as we seek to better involve all of our pastors and Churches in the Big Emory Baptist Association.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Weekend Revival

July 15th @7PM & 16th @11 AM  
Oakdale First Baptist Church

### Homecoming

July 30th @10 AM  
Union Chapel Baptist Church

### Backpack Giveaway

July 30th @11 AM  
South Harriman Baptist Church

### Youth Pastor @ Sunbright FBC

Sunbright FBC is looking for a youth pastor. call [931.722.4130](tel:931.722.4130) for more info

### Preschoolers Welcome

Join the Rockwood FBC preschool program in August. call [865.354.3300](tel:865.354.3300)

### Music Minister @ IMPACT

IMPACT is seeking a volunteer worship leader. if interested call: [\(865\)228-0107](tel:865.228.0107)

### Sunday School Conference

September 11, 2023 @Beech Park BC  
Dinner: 5-6 PM | Conference 6-8 PM

### Pianist @ Pleasant Grove

Pleasant Grove is looking for a piano player. call [865-435-6167](tel:865-435-6167) for more info

### Lifeway Womens Conference

Kingston FBC is attending a women's conference on August 4-5

### Pianist @ Union

Union is looking for a piano player. call [865.388.2810](tel:865.388.2810) for more info

✦ DONT SEE YOUR CHURCHES EVENT? LET US KNOW AND WE'LL BE SURE TO ADD IT. ✦

## CANNON'S CORNER

BY MATT CANNON

### SHINE THE LIGHT

What would you think about a man who walked into a dark room in his house and went on a rant about how dark it is and who declared how much he hates the dark without ever even thinking about turning on the light? We would all likely think that a man like this has become at least somewhat mentally unstable, if not completely unhinged from reality. Getting riled up about the darkness of a room without doing something about it when the means to do something about it is right at our fingertips would be illogically laughable and absolutely ridiculous.

Now, think with me about how Christians often respond to the spiritual darkness of this world. Most of us believe the world is a dark place that has gotten darker due to the increasing wicked godlessness which is running rampant. This is evident every day we live, every time we turn on our televisions, and likely every time we have any interactions with the world at all. What do we do about this spiritual darkness?

We often respond to the spiritual darkness like the man who walks into a dark room and begins complaining loudly and bitterly about it. It is easy to go on long diatribes about the spiritually diseased state of this world. We are eager to point out with loud voices all the vices being indulged in by those who are endangering their souls with reckless disregard for their eternal destination. And we often do this without shining the light of Jesus Christ into the darkness that we see.

I know and agree that the world is spiritually dark and getting darker, but the way to make the greatest impact is not by continually ranting about it. The way to make the greatest impact on the darkness is by shining the light of Jesus Christ through proclaiming the Gospel and performing good works.

Would you join me in striving to be people who shine the light instead of just being people who fuss about the darkness. Christ is more glorified and those who are wandering aimlessly in the darkness are better helped if we live life in this way.

In His Service,  
Matt Cannon  
Director of Mission

## Events

### Pastor's Steak-out

July 19th @10:30 AM

### Executive Board Meeting

September 11th @9:00 AM

BEBA, Great Commission Center

### Next Newsletter

August 17th

Emailed or printed by churches

### Bi-vocational Roundtable

July 27th @ 7PM

Shoney's Harriman

## ARE YOU A MUSICAL MISSIONARY?

LET US ADD YOU TO OUR LIST

Are you able to play the piano, guitar, or other musical instruments? Are you wanting to use your ability for the Lord? Many churches need musical assistance throughout the year, whether temporary or permanent. If playing at these churches interests you, please let us know, and we'll include you on our Musical Missionary list. It's a great way to serve the Kingdom of God!

### REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a gifting in a musical instrument.
- Must have faith in Jesus.
- Willing to minister through music in the Church.

You can contact us through [messenger](#) or email us at [bebaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bebaoffice@gmail.com)

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## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS



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FAIRVIEW